



Agenda Commentary

Item Title/ Subject:

Consider condemnation of 516 south 3rd Street.

Staff Source:

Toby Anders, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

History/Background Information:

The property is owned by Wendel Jones or Marjorie Jones. In November 2009, there was a small house fire at this address. At that time the electric meter was removed due to unsafe electrical wiring in the house. Since then there has not been any electricity to the house.

On July 17, 2018 the City of Clinton held an abatement hearing in regards to the condition of the property. At that time Patsy Rhoads Jones (who does not have ownership of the property according to the title search of this location) attended the hearing to discuss the condition of the property. She stated that she would like to repair the house and move back in. Patsy was instructed to bring a plan of action with a timeline of when the work would be done.

Since the abatement hearing, Patsy has had numerous individuals in the house supposedly cleaning. I have personally talked with three different people about their belongings being brought out of the house and thrown in the yard. It appears that from time to time people have been staying in the house without utilities. I have been contacted by several neighbors about extension cords running into the house during the day and night.

Recommendation:

It is my recommendation to the Mayor and City Council that this property be condemned. Due to the lack of maintenance and the deterioration of this house it is considered to be a dangerous structure. Also, due to the foot traffic that comes and goes in and out of the house, there is concern that it enables persons to resort to the building for committing a nuisance or an unlawful act.