

Work Session of the  
Springville City Council  
October 5, 2009 @ 5:45pm

Present: Mayor William Isley, Herbert Toles, Hugh Marlin, Wayne Tucker, Katrina Hennings, David Jones, John Coyne 6:00pm. Absent; Brian Skinner

Mayor Isley called the work session to order. He stated the purpose of this meeting is for the City Council and members of the Historical Commission to discuss several historical buildings located on Main Street.

Mayor Isley advised Steve Jones, owner of the Crown Binder buildings met with the Historical Commission and provided a request for a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of the remaining buildings at 6395 US Hwy 11. He provided the Commission a copy of a structural engineer report stating the building conditions and cost to bring the buildings to their original state of about \$ 40.00 a square foot or double if renovated for commercial purposes.

Council discussed and agreed they are not in favor of the buildings being demolished, however the property owner cannot be forced to make the needed repairs, since he did not have the funds. If the City decided to condemn the buildings and make the repairs there is no guarantee the City will ever get paid back. Suggestions were made to see if the property owner could apply for a grant or maybe an individual would make an offer to purchase and make the necessary repairs.

Mayor Isley asked Chairman of the Historical Commission, Frank Pearson if Mr. Jones was interested in selling the buildings/property. Mr. Pearson replied, he has not had any offers, but he is not sure he is interested in selling either. Several members of the Council expressed their concerns about spending city funds on a building to keep it from being demolished and not able to use it.

Fire Chief Harvey presented a copy of his report of his findings and made a recommendation to require the property owner to secure the building by placing a piece of plywood over the building and remove all paint materials.

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| 1. Smell of mold                             | 6. Floor joists were rotten       |
| 2. Loose bricks within the walls             | 7. Rotten wood that has collapsed |
| 3. Tree growing off the roof of the building | 8. Second floor has collapsed     |
| 4. Standing water inside the buildings       | 9. Paint materials stored         |
| 5. Mold on inside walls                      |                                   |

City Attorney James Hill expressed concerns that even though this is private property the City may still have some liability if action is delayed on the property owners request to demolish the buildings.

Mayor Isley asked the City Council and the Historical Commission members for any recommendations. After discussion, David Jones suggested to allow the Historical Commission to contact the property

owners and approve the buildings be demolished with the stipulation that the property owner meets all requirements of City Ordinance and guidelines of the Springville Historical Commission.

Mayor Isley adjourned the work session at approx. 6:45pm.

ATTEST:

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Brenda Roberts, City Clerk  
Jennifer Milner, Assistant City Clerk

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Mayor William Isley

Minutes transcribed and typed by Brenda Roberts