

City Council Work Session  
July 6, 2009 at 5:45pm

Present: Mayor William Isley, Herbert Toles, Hugh Marlin, Wayne Tucker, Katrina Hennings, John Coyne, David Jones and Brian Skinner

Mayor Isley called the work session to order and called on our City Attorney, James Hill to address the procedures for condemnation of historic buildings in Springville.

James Hill stated he has reviewed the By-laws of the Historic Commission and feels the concerns of the Historical Commission should be brought before the City Council, but the legal process should go through the Council who has the authority to instruct the City Inspector to enter any public buildings of concerns. If there are any repairs that need to be addressed it should be sent to the property owners in writing by the inspection department of the city.

After a reasonable time the city can deem that the repairs are in the public interest and can approve spending public monies for the repairs and require the property owner to reimburse the city or place a lien on the properties.

Council expressed the concerns of a few buildings and that three structures have been inspected by the Fire Chief and City Building Inspector. Concerns were raised that these City officials were not structural engineers and could not report on the structural integrity of a building. Also the buildings may not be feasible for repairs due to the costs involved to the owners.

Mayor Isley asked our City Attorney James Hill if the city could spend money for a structural engineering report if the owner does not have the funds to do so. James Hill replied yes if the building is deemed a potential hazard by the City's building inspector and Fire Chief.

Hugh Marlin explained the types of reports that can be provided by a structural engineer and costs involved for the report.

Mayor Isley advised that one property owner has requested the City recommend demolition of his building because he does not have the funds to do so. If the City chooses to make the necessary repairs to save the historic building, the cost could exceed the property value and never recoup the funds.

Council was asked by Mayor Isley if it was their desire to notify this property owner to Provide a structural integrity report from a structural engineer to determine if this building could be saved. Council agreed.

Work session adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Attest:

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Brenda Roberts, City Clerk

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Mayor William Isley