

Vienna Utility Board
210 60th Street, Vienna, WV 26105
Special Utility Board Session
Meeting location Vienna Utility Board
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February 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following present:

Randall Rapp, John Barr, Steve Eaton, Kim Williams, Joseph Thorpe, Absent Attorney Russ Skogstad

Also, present: Craig Metz Public Works Director, Lorrie Bond Stormwater Coordinator / Program Administrator, and Tommy Bunner, Engineering Assistant

New Business:

- A. 20220223 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Located at 4705 8th Avenue, Vienna, Wood County West Virginia- 1st Reading** - Per Chairman Rapp, this ordinance will be out first reading, the ordinance will also require a second reading before it would go into effect. We have had lots of discussions over the last few years regarding this piece of property, it has been determined that if we purchase this property, we can install a stormwater retention system since it is the lowest lying area in the neighborhood. This stormwater retention system will significantly improve any issues in neighborhood and surrounding areas. One item Rapp wanted to mention before we move onto the Ordinance itself is, the city recently sold several pieces of equipment and vehicles, we ended up making over \$40,000. So, this puts us well over \$100,000 in sales just in the last year. Which is excellent. We use Govdeals.com, so I have asked Amy to look into the possibility of listing this house on Govdeals.com to see if we can sell the home through this avenue. If you were a builder and needed supplies this would be a great opportunity to purchase the home and dismantle for supplies and parts. We do not have an answer on this yet, but if it is possible, we will come back to the board and ask permission to list it on GovDeals.com to sell it with the stipulation that the home be dismantled and removed within 30 days. That would eliminate us having to tear down the home and give someone the opportunity to have some materials or anything else they may find of value in the home. Chairman Rapp entertained a motion for the approval of the first read on 20220223 – Ordinance approving and authorizing the purchase of real property located at 4705 8th Avenue, Vienna, Wood County West Virginia for the purchase price of \$250,000.

Motion and Vote

Chairman Rapp called for motion for the approval of the first read on 20220223 – Ordinance approving and authorizing the purchase of real property located at 4705 8th Avenue, Vienna, Wood County West Virginia for the purchase price of \$250,000. Motion by John Barr was seconded by Steve Eaton. Before vote Kim Williams commented that when this issue first came to our attention, she did not think the city should get into the real estate business of buying homes from people. But after everything that has been discussed and with the help of Burgess & Niple looking at it and giving us 3 different options, all of which were \$250,000 or more to solve the problem, after extensive discussions with Mr. Metz and Burgess & Niple, my opinion about it has changed for several different reasons, first reason is if we went with one of the recommendations we would possibly be causing issues for other residents downstream. I know it has been suggested that we need to just raise the curb at the driveway to eliminate the water from getting into his home, this will not solve it either. The

water has to go somewhere, there are problems in this entire neighborhood, its like a bowl and his property sits at the very low end which collects all the water runoff. I believe every option has been exhausted and this is the only option, to purchase the home, have it torn down and install the retention system. The only caveat I have is to not let the house sit vacant for too long. I am going to support this ordinance this is the best option we have after a very thorough investigative process. No other comments. Vote carried in support unanimous 5 - 0.

Board Comments: No Board Comments

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Next regular meeting – Thursday March 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM @ Vienna Utility Board located at 210 60th Street Vienna, WV 26105.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Bond