

**Bristol Tennessee Better Property Board
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2016**

Members Present:

Pamela Offield
Randall Cook
John Cartwright
Wayne Humphrey
Lonnie Barrett

Staff/Others Present:

Brian Rose
Donnie Branson
Danielle Kiser
Christy Justice

Members Not Present

The Bristol Tennessee Better Property Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2016. Roll call was performed and a quorum was declared.

Minutes:

There being no corrections to the December 3, 2015 minutes, John Cartwright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Randall Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Preliminary Investigations

A. 1037 5th Street

The property owners, Arthur S. and Virginia B. Duff were not present. The complaint was the house was dilapidated, the property was overgrown and it contained junk and debris. Taxes were current. Staff recommended a public hearing at the February 25, 2016 meeting.

John Cartwright asked if a damage assessment had been completed on this property. Donnie Branson stated that staff would have a damage assessment for the board at the February meeting.

Lonnie Barrett made a motion to hold a public hearing at the February 25, 2016 meeting; John Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Hearing

A. 912 Anderson Street

The property owner, JP Morgan Chase Bank, was not present. The complaint was the house was dilapidated and the property was overgrown, contained junk, debris and inoperable vehicles. Taxes were current. Staff recommended an order to repair on this property.

At this time, Pam Offield opened the floor to public comment.

Tim Baker spoke on behalf of Mr. Wallace, who owns an adjoining property. Mr. Baker stated that he felt the property was a public safety hazard as well as an eye sore for the community. Mr. Baker expressed his opinion that he felt the property should be razed.

Gary Slagle stated that he had just recently purchased the property and that he was scheduled to close on February 29, 2016 due to a thirty day waiting period. Mr. Slagle stated that it was his intention to repair the property and make it his residence. Pamela Offield asked Mr. Slagle when he planned to begin and complete the repairs on the property. Mr. Slagle stated that he planned to begin work as soon as he closed on the property on February 29th, but since he did not know the extent of the damage on the structure, he could not accurately give the board a date on when it would be completed.

James Hooton, owner of the property across the street from the subject property, stated that he had noticed someone had been working on the grounds of the property and he thought that it was beginning to look a whole lot better.

Randall Cook made a motion for an order to repair the property; John Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

John Cartwright made a motion for a progress report with a future plan for the property at the March 24, 2016 meeting; Randall Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. 1006 Tennessee Avenue

The property owners, Brent Grimm and Rick Chappal, were not present. The complaint was fire damaged structure and overgrown property containing debris. Taxes were current. Staff informed the board that the property had recently been purchased and that a notice of violation had been sent out to the new owners on December of 2015. Staff reported that the new owners had sixty (60) days to respond to the notice and it was staff's recommendation to table this item until a later date to give the new owners time to respond.

Randall Cook made a motion for a progress report at the March 24, 2016 meeting; Wayne Humphrey seconded the motion.

Pamela Offield stated she felt this item needed to be tabled at this time to give the new owners a chance to respond to staff's notice of violation.

At this time, Randall Cook withdrew his motion for a progress report at the March 24, 2016 meeting.

John Cartwright made a motion to table this item until the March 24, 2016 meeting; Randall Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. 928 Oakland Avenue

The property owner, City of Bristol, Tennessee, was present. The complaint was overgrown property containing junk and debris. Taxes were past due. Staff informed the board that the property had recently been purchased by the City of Bristol, Tennessee and recommended an order to demolish be issued on this property.

Wayne Humphrey asked Danielle Kiser, the City's Attorney, to explain the process of the tax sale.

Danielle Kiser stated that once the property was purchased that the previous owner would have one year to pay the lien on the property and purchase it back from the City. Ms. Kiser stated that staff had spoken to the previous owner and they seem to have no interest in purchasing the property back from the City.

Pam Offield questioned if there had been anyone else interested in purchasing the property. Ms. Kiser stated that the neighboring school had shown interest in purchasing the property to create a parking lot.

Randall Cook made a motion for an order to demolish on the property; John Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trash and Debris

None

Old Business

None

Progress Report

None

Future Progress Reports

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| 03-24-16 | 1406 Anderson Street | Progress Report |
| 03-24-16 | 701 5 th Street | Progress Report |

Other Business:

Randall Cook asked for the progress on the property located at 841 Hill Street. Donnie Branson stated that progress was being made and that there would be an update at a later date.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Pamela Offield