

City of Clewiston
Board of Building Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2015

The City of Clewiston Board of Building Commissioners held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on May 18, 2015. Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Attendance

Commissioners present: Tommy Perry, Phillip Roland, Tom Waddell

Commissioners absent: none

Personnel present: Attorney Bill Doney, Al Perry, Travis Reese, and Debra Towner

Visitor(s) present: Raul Amaro, Rene Navarro

Approval of Board of Building Commissioners Minutes - October 23, 2013

Mr. Waddell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roland, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote - (3) ayes.

Reorganization:

Mr. Perry stated the next item is to reorganize and select a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Typically it is the city commissioner who serves as chairman. Mr. Roland declined and nominated Mr. Perry to serve as chairman and Mr. Waddell to serve as vice chairman.

Mr. Roland made the motions, seconded by Mr. Waddell, to approve the nominations of Mr. Perry and Mr. Waddell to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote - (3) ayes.

Mr. Doney conducted the swearing in of all participants wishing to speak.

Review of Case No. 2015-1.1 Rene Navarro:

Chairman Perry opened the public hearing and invited interested parties to participate in the discussion regarding Case Number 2015-1.1 for the property at 849 East Ventura Avenue, owner of record, Rene Navarro.

Building Official Travis Reese sent "A Notice and Order of Building Official Regarding a Dangerous Building" to Mr. Navarro by certified mail on February 6, 2015, regarding a neglected structure located on the property at 849 East Ventura Avenue.

Pursuant to the City's Code of Ordinances, Article IV, *Dangerous Buildings*, Mr. Reese determined the structures to have some or all of the defects as specified in Section 18-142. Mr. Navarro was given thirty (30) days to demolish the building.

A Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Clewiston News, a paper of general circulation, on May 7, 2015.

Mr. Reese read his Building Official's Determination. He submitted pictures of the structure to the board as evidence. There were no neighbors in attendance and an appeal of administrative decision from Mr. Navarro for the property was received on February 27, 2015.

Mr. Navarro stated that he wanted to reside in the home. When he purchased the trailer at auction, there was no mention regarding the dilapidated state of the structure. Why was it not demolished six (6) months ago? The City of Clewiston was working with prior owners and had no knowledge of ownership changing.

Mr. Navarro must hire a licensed mobile home installer to reset the trailer and have an engineer submit a report for repairs to bring to current code. He must secure a permit within six (6) weeks in order to have the work done.

Chairman Perry closed the public hearing after receiving no further comments,

~~written or oral, from the audience or the board.~~

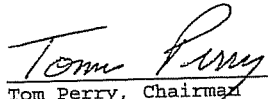
Mr. Waddell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roland, to declare the owner of 849 East Ventura Avenue have two (2) weeks to meet with the building official to determine scope of work. After the meeting, he has four (4) weeks to apply for and obtain a permit.

If he cannot obtain a permit, he has thirty (30) days to demolish. If the owner fails to comply with the order, the City of Clewiston will proceed to demolish and place a lien for the amount of demolition against the property in the Hendry County Public Records. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote - 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment:

Mr. Waddell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roland, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote - (3) ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.


Tom Perry, Chairman