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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 **RLH TA 24-320** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 515 BEAUMONT STREET. (File No. J1501E, Assessment No. 258300)

Sponsors: Noecker

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Moermond: Mr. Kedrowski, Ms. Martin indicated this should be deleted. Why?

Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: a correction notice was sent March 12 for garbage containers on the boulevard. Multiple Excessive Consumption fees sent. The inspector sending them is no longer with our dept. A new inspector took over who took over made contact with the property owner who indicated it was the neighbor's.

Moermond: I'll recommend deletion of this Excessive Consumption fee.

Kedrowski: there were 8 Excessive Consumptions total.

Moermond: we have five as pending assessments.

Kedrowski: the note by Inspector Williams says Excessive Consumptions have been cancelled but I don't know how they are arriving at having that done.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/8/2025

- 2 **RLH TA 24-334** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 694 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2424R, Assessment No. 248530)

Sponsors: Bowie

Approve the assessment.

Andrea Gregory Schuelke, owner, appeared via phone

Law Schuelke, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: when we last spoke we said I'd follow up. We have waste wood and a box spring. The main point of contention was whether or not a Bagster is allowed as a container for waste wood pending its pickup. I said I didn't think so but would look into it further. You'd mentioned a couple of notions out of the Public Works right-of-way code and whether things are permitted or unpermitted. That's dependent on whether it is in the right-of-way, I think your point was that should provide guidance in this decision.

Law Schuelke: yes, and the fact that being put into a container it wasn't being improperly stored and the violation was addressed.

Moermond: the orders were written as a nuisance abatement under a violation of the property maintenance code. Section 34.08, there are two sections that apply. The first is part one, sanitation. Its rather general, but more specifically number 6, stored materials. It does meet this part of the code; despite the fact it was against the garage and moved it into the Bagster. I don't believe that's proper storage. You of course can argue that further to Council. You did have a venue to discuss this further, which was to appeal the original orders or calls the inspector to ask for an extension to the pickup date. The fact the box spring continued to exist would have already triggered the crew to be there. I'm looking up the marginal difference between that one item vs. pickup of the Bagster and that one item. There's an auto charge fee of \$40. General refuge of \$102. Abatement fee of \$130. I don't know how the general refuge is split out for wood vs. boxspring. They used to be charged separately. Mr. Kedrowski, how are those handled now?

Kedrowski: if it is something that can be compacted, they'd simply crush it and it would weigh into the 2 cubic yards charged out.

Moermond: the box spring crushed would probably be about 1/3 of the volume. So, \$66 attributable to the lumber alone. If there's a reduction it would be one-third of that fee, which brings us to a reduction of \$66.

Law Schuelke: it was a \$400 charge though, right?

Moermond: it was. Most of the charge is dispatching the crew, \$272. That is the crew labor and disposal together.

Schuelke: it would be two-thirds of the \$272?

Moermond: no, the hourly charge for the crew would be \$170, \$102 is the cubic yards and the tires.

Law Schuelke: it costs over \$300 to pick up a mattress?

Moermond: there's service charges, plus a tire, but yeah.

Law Schuelke: ok. The City went with a contractor who charges that much to pick up the mattress?

Moermond: it was legitimate the wood continued to be in violation, in my opinion. I was trying to explain what I think the difference would be, were you to win your argument at Council, that marginal difference. You of course can argue further.

Law Schuelke: ok.

Moermond: you have this information on the notification of assessment but you have the ability to contest further. You can send in an email, testify by phone, or come in person. Any of those things are options to explain your difference of opinion. You can respond to Ms. Zimny's follow up email from August 29 at 7:58 am.

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/2/2024

- 3** **[RLH TA 24-344](#)** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 87 COOK AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 258500)

Sponsors: Kim

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Moermond: this is the garage on the end, orders were written to owner of 87 Cook, but you pointed out the condo units which are 81, 83, 85 and 87 which are the front, but the PIN numbers and tiny parcels are just the footprint of the building, the balance of the parcel has a different address.

Kedrowski: 1052 Park street.

Moermond: and 1052 didn't receive notice, so I will recommend deletion.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025

- 4** **[RLH TA 23-330](#)** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1199 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 258500)

Sponsors: Yang

Recommendation forthcoming. LHO staff to speak to DSI staff re: cleanup.

Deborah Moriarty, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: Aril 9, 2024 a Summary Abatement Order was issued to trash and miscellaneous debris in the rear yard. Reinspection was supposed to be done around April 16, it was done April 24 and trash hadn't been removed. City did the work for a total assessment of \$345.

Moermond: Ms. Moriarty, tell me what is going on and why you're appealing?

Moriarty: I didn't get the order, the paper until the 29th. I was on vacation. I had a worker there, the tenant had stuff there. I cleaned it up on the 29th. When they came out they didn't do anything. The only stuff removed I did. They told me once an order goes out you still get charged. I don't think the cost of gas to come out is worth \$345. I cleaned it up on the 29th.

Moermond: I see some things remaining by a rust-colored shed with a white door. I see things there still on the 30th.

Moriarty: they were still there.

Moermond: they left without taking them?

Moriarty: right.

Moermond: and you took care of it?

Kedrowski: it shows here the work was done on April 29th by our crew. If there was something there on the 30th.

Moriarty: the pictures are from the 30th.

Moermond: no, they were taken on the 29th but uploaded on the 30th. That's noted on the photos. Sorry for confusion there.

Moriarty: I was there outside cleaning all day on the 29th.

Kedrowski: the work would have been done and photos loaded on 30th, that is normal.

Moermond: in terms of documentation, does your Summary Abatement coordinator go out with the crew?

Kedrowski: generally not, they get addresses in the morning and get follow up photos from them the next day.

Moermond: I do see a note from Inspector Westenhofer he confirmed the work was done on April 28. I'm going to give this some more thought. I can see where it can be argued either way, quite frankly. I need to look at it deeper.

Moriarty: I was there on Sunday, there's some branches down and I can't bring them to the compost until Thursday. So you know I'm working on it.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 10/1/2024

5 [RLH TA 24-363](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 155 RUTH STREET NORTH. (File No. J2501T, Assessment No. 258503)

Sponsors: Johnson

Layover to LH October 15, 2024 at 9 am for further discussion. Staff to review contract.

Laurencia Kyariga, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: a letter was sent May 23, 2024 for tall grass and weeds. Reinspection was done June 3, 2024 and it wasn't done, so a work order was sent. The total assessment is \$644.

Moermond: Ms. Kyariga, tell me why you're appealing?

Kyariga: I realize they did the work, but I didn't get the letter. I don't know if it got lost

in the mail. The neighbor cuts the grass when I tell them too because I am unable to. I'd like the amount reduced. I know I need to pay something, but I'm just asking for a lesser amount.

Moermond: Ramsey County taxation, where the City gets its information from, lists you at 2085 East 63rd street in Inver Grove Heights.

Kyariga: that's correct. Last year I received one and I did it right away. If I had received it I would have done it. I'm not saying they didn't send it, but I didn't receive it.

Moermond: Mr. Kedrowski, this is a 75' wide lot, 110' deep. No structures. What makes up the cost of the bill? The parts of the \$480.

Kedrowski: they're required to cut the lot and trim along the fence lines. They are charged by the hours taken to do it, which was 3 hours.

Moermond: you want it reduced, Ms. Kyariga. I can learn a bit more about the actual charge sent to the City and share that information with you. I can tell you now the City has a contract for doing this work, a private company won the City bid to do the work. The City does a similar thing for dead or dangerous trees on private property, but I don't know the details of how that is charged. I think that is due to you as we talk about this. I'd like to continue this conversation so I can get that information and share what I can and we'll figure it out from there.

Kyariga: I do not have a fence, or any trees for trimming. I'm surprised it took 3 hours. My neighbor does it in 45 minutes for \$50. I wouldn't risk not doing it if I had received the letter. The City may charge more, but 3 hours seems impossible.

Moermond: it appears no one had done the work based on the height of the grass. It appears to be 17 to 18" in height. I don't know any mowing had occur before this during the year. We'll get back to you with any details we can. We'll continue this conversation October 15 and see if we can't get to the bottom of it.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 10/15/2024

10:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 6 [RLH TA 24-364](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 291 BATES AVENUE. (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 258501)

Sponsors: Johnson

Layover to Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 10 am (PO unavailable for hearing).

*Cathy Costello, o/b/o owner, appeared via phone
Vincent Tran, owner, appeared via phone*

Costello: you want to talk to Vincent. I'm just the office manager. Can we set something up? 651-242-1163

Moermond: we'll try reaching out to him.

Voicemail for Tran left at 10:29 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling you about your appealed tax assessment for 291 Bates. We'll try reaching back in 30 to 45 minutes.

Vincent Tran, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: are you expecting my call?

Tran: I am out of town; can you call my office?

Moermond: we already called Cathy Costello; you want to delay the hearing?

Tran: yes.

Moermond: ok We'll talk to you Tuesday October 1.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 10/1/2024

7 RLH TA 24-369 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1733 BEECH STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)

Sponsors: Johnson

Continue CPH to May 3, 2025. If no same or similar violations, reduce assessment from \$537.75 to \$268.

Devin McVay, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Moermond: I do have an email from you from Friday, September 13.

Staff report by Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: June 4, 2024 a tall grass and weeds notice was sent. Reinspection was done June 12 and it was not done. Sent to work order which resulted in a total tax assessment of \$537.75.

McVay: I won't read the email off, but if you want more specific details, I'll admit much was neglectfulness. The front of our house is steep, so I need a weed trimmer to do it, and it failed to start. It put me on a quest to get it fixed on a timely matter which I couldn't do. We did get home and see the yard was done. That's all I really wanted to add.

Moermond: Mr. Kedrowski, the notes look like the City hasn't done any work except for this instance at the property.

Kedrowski: correct.

Moermond: what I am thinking we can do is continue your hearing to May 3, 2025 and if there are no same or similar violations I'll recommend it is reduced by half, down to \$268.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025

8 RLH TA 24-354 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 463 FOREST STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)

Sponsors: Johnson

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: Summary Abatement Order was sent, another one from Vacant Buildings.

Moermond: no notification, recommend deletion.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025

- 9** [RLH TA 24-353](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2016 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)

Sponsors: Johnson

Layover to LH Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 10 am (unable to reach PO).

Voicemail left at 10:37 am: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling you about 2016 Fremont Avenue and your appealed special assessment. We'll try you back in 20 to 40 minutes.

Voicemail left at 11:19: this is Marcia Moermond from St. Paul City Council calling you again about tall grass and weeds cut in June this year. I'll push this out to Tuesday, October 15 between 10 and 11:30.

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 10/15/2024

- 10** [RLH TA 24-366](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 565 HATCH AVENUE. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)

Sponsors: Kim

Approve the assessment.

Allyn Mishek, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: are you expecting my call?

Mishek: no, but I'll listen to what you have to say.

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Mishek: I am surprised it has to be such a big production. I'll mow my lawn.

Moermond: I don't understand where you're coming from on that. It looks like there was a lot of grass.

Mishek: just walk outside right now and look around.

Moermond: this is from something done in June.

Staff report by Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: June 13, 2024 a notice to cut tall grass and weeds was sent, reinspection date of June 20th. Reinspection was done June 21

and grass had not been cut. Work order sent for a total assessment of ---

Mishek: \$300 to cut my lawn!?

Kedrowski: total assessment of \$537.75.

Mishek: I used to cut people's lawns for like \$5. My God. Seriously. Congratulations on your stellar career of ripping people off.

Moermond: tell me what was going on in June that you had grass over a yard tall?

[Mishek hangs up]

Moermond: ok, recommend approval.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025

11 RLH TA 24-357 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 463 HERSCHEL STREET. (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 258501)

Sponsors: Jalali

Continue CPH to May 12, 2025. If no same or similar violations, reduce assessment from \$375 to \$100.

Claire Warren, owner, appeared via phone

Staff report by Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: a Summary Abatement Order was issued April 12, 2024 to dispose of tires and Bagster and contents from the boulevard. Rechecked May 1, 2024. It wasn't removed. Work order was sent, total assessment of \$375.

Moermond: why are you appealing?

Warren: I was diagnosed with melanoma and had numerous surgeries during that timeline. This started a bit earlier; I had folks dumping in my back yard. A TV, tires and I received a letter March 5 about that. This was right after I got my diagnosis. I got a Bagster and did my best, put them out front and put a no dumping sign out. Had multiple surgeries, with the last one being April 22. I believe I got the letter April 12, between my two surgeries. I was not reading my mail during that time. April 24 I had my porch steps redone and my handyman was using the bag as well for that purpose. So, I used it for the tv and tires as well as my steps. I didn't get that bag picked up because I was still having work done, but also still recovering. A lot of life going on, and it wasn't a priority to get that bag picked up. When it was picked up, I called the City that day to ask questions and learn more. Unfortunately, I guess that was a little too late.

Moermond: an extension was given by the Inspector. Not sure why. He gave an extension to April 30th. The work got done a couple weeks later on May 13. A whole month, but a difficult month for you.

Warren: a lot of post op appointments in there too.

Moermond: balancing the cost incurred by the City and private versus public responsibility and your life circumstances as well. Not the easiest thing in the world.

No history here. If there are no violations between now and May 12, 2025 I will recommend this is reduced to \$100.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025

12 RLH TA 24-349 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 284 MAPLE STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)

Sponsors: Johnson

Approve the assessment.

Ty Lawrence, o/b/o owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Richard Kedrowski: June 3, 2024 a Summary Abatement Order was issued to cut tall grass and weeds. Reinspection was done June 17; it had not been cut. Work order was sent for a total assessment of \$451.50.

Moermond: Mr. Lawrence, why are you appealing?

Lawrence: I thought this hearing was about 342 Bates. I believe the grass was tended to; I just have to submit evidence with the dates attached.

Moermond: that could play a role, certainly. I do have contractor photos of what it looked like when they arrived and after they did the work. Those were emailed August 30th.

Lawrence: oh, I do recall getting emails after the fact. I think there's an issue with communication. A lot have been sent to the wrong address, we talked about this at the last hearing. The current owner is frequently out of town, but the home is occupied by family.

Moermond: are you talking about Maple?

Lawrence: yes.

Moermond: and this is about a tall grass and weeds and the mail went to him at a P.O. Box in Minneapolis.

Lawrence: we didn't receive that mail.

Moermond: I have no idea what address is on the record for this property, it is the owner responsibility to make sure each of the individual properties have the correct owner address. I would suggest doing that. Back to June, I heard you say you thought the work was done by your team?

Lawrence: that is correct.

Moermond: I do see it going to the owner of record, the work having been done. I would need an argument. I know you told me you go the address changed during the other hearings. I don't know where those corrections were at in June.

I also see we have two cases head to Council this week, one for an Excessive

Consumption fee and one for the Vacant Building fee. That was Vacant Building and there's a quit claim deed with the County. The owner transferred from a trust into his name.

Lawrence: yes, all prior to our hearings.

Moermond: and it isn't registered with the County yet. But that was May 15. The address he hand wrote on that document to Jared Gillespie at that P.O. Box in Minneapolis. So as of May, the address of record, per you who drafted it, indicates that address. I'm going to recommend approval since notice was provided. I'll recommend the Vacant Building fee gets deleted; the information provided suffices with the quit claim deed.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025

- 13 RLH TA 24-345** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1173 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J2501P, Assessment No. 248400)

Sponsors: Noecker

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Moermond: there's a note here saying there's no photos of after the cleanup.

Mai Vang: delete because there are no photos of cleanup provided by contractor.

Moermond: we don't have any after photos, just before photos?

Vang: yes.

Moermond: recommend deletion.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/8/2025

- 14 RLH TA 24-323** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 935 WOODBRIDGE STREET. (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 258505)

Sponsors: Bowie

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Mai Vang: the notice was sent by the correct address, but the work done by the contractor was at the wrong address.

Moermond: work was done at 945 Woodbridge; orders went to 935 Woodbridge.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025

Staff Reports

- 15** [SR 24-134](#) Review Request of Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for

property at 819 AURORA AVENUE adopted by Council on August 7, 2024 under File RLH AR 24-50. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)

Sponsors: Bowie

Delete the assessment.

No one appeared

Moermond: the orders were issued for removal of a car bumper and chair. The chair was a nice living room chair. When the crew showed up the bumper was gone and the original chair was gone. It was definitely a different chair the crew took. Recommend deletion.

Received and Filed

Special Tax Assessments-ROLLS

- 16 RLH AR 24-83** Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during May 29 to June 12, 2024 (File No. J2501T, Assessment No. 248503)
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025**
- 17 RLH AR 24-84** Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during May 10 to 20, 2024 (File No. J2502R, Assessment No. 248501)
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025**
- 18 RLH AR 24-82** Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during April 29 to May 10, 2024 (File No. J2501R, Assessment No. 248500)
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025**
- 19 RLH AR 24-85** Ratifying the assessment for Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during June 7 to 26, 2024 (File No. J2502T, Assessment No. 248505)
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- Referred to the City Council due back on 1/15/2025**

11:00 a.m. Hearings

Summary & Vehicle Abatement Orders

- 20 [RLH SAO 24-47](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1302 BAYARD AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-41.

Sponsors: Jost

The nuisance is abated and the matter resolved.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/25/2024

Orders To Vacate - Code Enforcement

- 21 [RLH VO 24-31](#) Appeal of Donald A. Hinrichs to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation & Order to Vacate, Notice to Cut Tall Grass and/or Weeds, and Summary Abatement Order at 995 WAKEFIELD AVENUE.

Sponsors: Johnson

Deny the appeal. Grant to September 25, 2024 for compliance with SAO & TG&W orders. Property must be in compliance and condemnation lifted or vacated by September 30, 2024.

Don & Tischauna Hinrichs appeared via phone

Moermond: sounds like we had a follow up inspection last week with both Animal Control and Code Enforcement.

Staff update by Supervisor Kedrowski: based on my understanding, a follow up inspection was done September 11 and amended notice of condemnation and order to vacate was issued at that time. 11 items dealing with interior sanitation, animals, smoke alarms, animal feces, extension cords. City's orders haven't changed as far as the recommendation that the air quality is at a level it would support someone living in the house.

Moermond: tell me what is going on.

Don Hinrichs: prior to the visit we removed all the carpet and padding and scrubbed the floors. Anything that had an extension cord, we didn't know air conditioners couldn't be plugged in like that. It is now plugged into the wall. We were given another carbon monoxide detector as well as smoke alarms. We are getting a rug doctor so it should be able to be cleaned or removed.

Moermond: I'm concerned because urine in general, it soaks into the sub floor.

Don Hinrichs: I have a sister and brother-in-law helping and I'm hoping we can just sand it down.

Kedrowski: we had an investment property with similar issues, someone with 27 cats, and we had a professional contractor do it and it is more than a sanding. We took out all the sheetrock, multiple coats of Killz and you could still smell it.

Don Hinrichs: we may have to hire professionals. Hopefully not.

Moermond: last time we spoke you were behind in the mortgage.

Don Hinrichs: we're talking to the bank. We bought this with my wife's uncle. He moved out and we went from 3 incomes to 2. We're trying to get payments lowered, also look into moving. Trying to weigh all our options.

Moermond: you were hesitant to have the follow up inspection, but we needed that for a plan to move forward. It seems to me like you need to have these animals permitted or licensed or removed. Tell me where that is at.

Don Hinrichs: we got permits for the dogs. They didn't say anything about permitting the rescue animals. We stopped intaking rescue animals. We are rehoming numerous ones with some other rescues and partners right now.

Moermond: you didn't get a notification from animal control that the non-dogs and cats needed permitting?

Don Hinrichs: no.

Moermond: I do see in the system it looks like three dog licenses were issued, 2 are pending. That's not surprising because Code says you can have 3 dogs and a permit to go beyond 3.

Don Hinrichs: we are getting updated shots on one and one just turned old enough to get shots.

Moermond: but it is still 2 above the number requiring a permit. Similarly, there needs to be a permit for nontraditional pets. I don't see an application on those. I can speak with Animal Control on that. What's going on with rehoming?

Don Hinrichs: with the rats we have a couple rescues we work with. A bunch are going there. The ferrets we have four going to new homes next week. Everything else is just one or 2. Three guinea pigs and a rabbit, that's it. We're downsizing so we can get this place back to normal.

Moermond: animals haven't been relocated yet but it is pending.

Don Hinrichs: there's only one rabbit.

Tischauna Hinrichs: a family is adopting 2 today. Another lady is taking 10 to 12 rats.

Moermond: the animals are contributing to the unsanitary and unhealthy conditions and that needs to happen as well as the cleaning. And cleaning may or may not suffice to clean the house of the odors and urine and bacteria related to excrement. The air quality issue of it too. I'm obviously struggling with this. I'd love to know more from Animal Control. I'm looking at not if the house should be vacated, but when. Maybe live somewhere else until it is cleaned and passes inspection.

Don Hinrichs: I'm not sure where we'd go. We have been cleaning all week. We'll keep working with you guys. I don't want to be sleeping under a bridge.

Moermond: I know, and it is made harder with dogs too. It may require surrendering some animals. I assume there's some equity in the house, but with the mortgage the way it is-- How long have you been living there?

Don Hinrichs: six years. He moved out last year.

Moermond: so likely some equity. I'm going to check with those guys, and maybe we can reach out to you this afternoon. Are you available then?

Don Hinrichs: yes ma'am.

[suspended at 11:55 am]

[hearing resumed at 1:36 pm]

Moermond: I had a chance to speak to animal control, it sounds like they've had interactions with you previously?

Don Hinrichs: nothing negative. They just told us we needed permits for the dogs, not any other animal.

Moermond: I'm looking at putting this in front of the Council next weds and recommend the property be vacated the 30th. We'll have an inspection on the 25 so we have the most up to date information on conditions. I was just asking Mr. Kedrowski if someone can be available that day and he said if Lisa Martin can't make it, he himself will go. I really want to give you every chance, but I want to take seriously the air quality issues. It isn't good for the animals and isn't good for you. It isn't safe. I recognize if it goes into a status being vacated, you have access 8 am to 8 pm to work on the house and get yourselves back in sooner. That's what I'm going to recommend to Council. I want to give you the chance to get as far as you can in addressing this.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/25/2024

1:00 p.m. Hearings

Vacant Building Registrations

22 RLH VBR Appeal of John Hutton to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1823
24-53 HEWITT AVENUE.

Sponsors: Jalali

Grant the appeal and release the property from the VB program.

John Hutton, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: we talked a couple of weeks ago about the Vacant Building registration for this property. The question was whether you were living there. I got the email your neighbor sent, and one of the things mentioned last hearing was water usage being low. It is clear from the water bill from August 2, which was 7 units, which is what we expect for 1 person being there. Before that it was somewhat less depending on the time of year. I'm going to say you are there and certainly since July when this went into the program, so I'm going to recommend that your appeal is granted.

Hutton: I appreciate it.

Referred to the City Council due back on 10/2/2024

1:30 p.m. Hearings (NONE)

2:00 p.m. Hearings (NONE)

Fire Certificates of Occupancy