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Minutes - Final Legislative Hearings

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9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 **RLH TA 14-459** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 733 CHARLES AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Thao
- Owner missed hearing; rescheduled to 8/19/14.*
- Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 8/19/2014**
- 2 **RLH TA 14-457** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 1432 EDMUND AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Stark
- Delete the assessment.*
- 1432 Edmund
- The following appeared: Lea Atkinson, owner; Alexandria Swanson, owner's daughter*
- Paula Seeley gave a staff report:*
- total assessment is \$448
 - date of orders is 5/14/14, compliance date of 5/18/14, work was done 5/22/14
 - no mail was returned
 - notice was mailed to Hope Jensen, 1432 Edmund Avenue
- Atkinson:*
- purchased the home and took possession April 30
 - Hope Jensen was the previous owner
 - during the inspection, Hope had left numerous articles in the basement.
- Moermond:*
- the letter went to the previous owner
 - she will recommend deleting it

Atkinson:

- there is another assessment for excessive consumption

Seeley:

- it is not in the real estate yet

Moermond:

- it can be deleted on that end

- paralegal is on jury duty and will do follow up on this

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 3** **RLH TA 14-466** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 878 FREMONT AVENUE.

Sponsors: Lantry

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 4** [RLH TA 14-475](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1410B, Assessment No. 148109 at 36 FRONT AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thao

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/3/2014

- 5** **RLH TA 14-447** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 665 FRY STREET.

Sponsors: Stark

recommendation is forthcoming

665 Fry

Tim Holden appeared.

Insp. Seeley gave report:

- assessment is \$476

- date of orders is 5-14-14, work was done 5-22-14

- no returned mail

- history of orders on property: 2-12-14 snow complaint, 3-14-14 orders on carts again

- there was a broken table

Holden:

- never received a notice that anything was wrong

- he drives around the property everyday

(Video shown)

Holden:

- all that stuff is utilized in the winter time
- he has a tenant that uses one shopping cart as he has a handicap issue
- he has one parked there all the time
- Holden has never seen 3 or 4 carts (as seen in the video)

Moermond:

- it should not be stored on the exterior of the property

Holden:

- drives by there everyday.
- unusual that he never got notice
- he got a notice about the sewer, but received no other notices
- he would not waste his time to come down here

Moermond:

- they charge for everything: one hour minimum trip charge
- he should have seen this

Holden:

- that is his personal property

Moermond:

- should not be there according to code
- she saw items including sheetrock

Holden

- he did not see sheetrock

(video shown again)

Seeley:

- in response to a question by Moermond, Seeley responded the address was listed with Ramsey County Taxation

Holden:

- he has a tenant in the front
- sewer notice was sent certified mail

Moermond:

- it can be sent through the mail
- she sees something that should have been taken care of
- orders went out and were not being acted on
- asked did the issues in Feb. and March go to assessment

Seeley:

- responded the two items were taken care of

Holden:

- the notices should go to him
- perhaps the City put the shopping carts there

Moermond:

- there is responsibility on his part to take care of this

Holden:

- reiterated he did not receive the notice, although he did receive the notice about the

sewer

- he would like to have this removed

Moermond:

- recommends the Council approve this assessment [Staff note: after hearing the appeal on 1690 Hyacintha Aveue East, Moermond is going to look at this issue before making a recommendation to the Council]

Holden:

- drives by this everyday and he did not see this on the side of the property
- it is mysterious
- perhaps the inspector should call

Moermond:

- the legal requirement is for this to be sent first class mail

Holden:

- he would like the inspector to call him in the future

Moermond:

- sometimes they just send the letter because that is the most efficient
- they can try to call you, but they are not required to call you
- Holden is required to maintain his property

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 6** **RLH TA 14-474** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1411, Assessment No. 148817 at 393 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Delete the assessment; File should have been closed earlier. Inspector spoke to Jim Seeger on August 1, 2014 and he is closing out the file and issuing code compliance certificate immediately. (No hearing necessary)

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 7** **RLH TA 14-446** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 604 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 8** [RLH TA 14-448](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1405E, Assessment No. 148310 at 304 HAZELWOOD STREET.

Sponsors: Lantry

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/3/2014

9 **RLH TA 14-450** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 1690 HYACINTH AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Forthcoming. LHO will look at assessment rolls to determine mailing issue.

1690 Hyacinth Avenue East

The following appeared: Zoe Zee, owner; Danielle Meldahl, tenant

Seeley gave staff report:

- assessment cost is \$310*
- date of orders is 5/14/14 with a compliance date of 5/20/14 and the work was done on 6/3/14.*
- notices send to Hyacinth Ave LLC, 168 6th Street East, Suite 2804; occupant at 1690 Hyacinth Avenue East, Pao Yang/Pazao Lee, 1690 Hyacinth Avenue East*
- notice is for mattresses*

Zee

- property purchased in January*

Moermond:

- asked about closing documents*
- hers is similar to the first one*
- during your period of ownership, notice was sent to the previous owner*
- she will recommend deleting [staff note: please read further as this item is not deleted]*

Zoe:

- when asked by Seeley who is Hyacinth LLC, Zou responded she is*
- never received this letter*

(Zoe Showed Moermond a letter and showed there was some issues.)

(Moermond asked staff to scan the letter and envelope.)

(Zee went on about the issue.)

Moermond:

- in the previous case (665 Fry), it may change his outcome and maybe not*
- in the present case, she is not sure what happened to it*
- she will look at this*

Seeley:

- requested clarification as to what is going on*

Moermond:

- there is an excess. consumption letter mailed on May 21 and the envelope date is July 15*
- they are talking about the actual cleanup associated with that*
- she would like to know what is going on with the mailing dates*
- this is for too many exceptions and not the cleanup*

Meldahl:

- it was mailed to the previous owner's name

Moermond:

- owner did not received notice of the excess. consumption bill, which is not on the agenda today
- she needs to look at that individually
- it looks on the surface like it should be deleted
- what she has learned is that there was a problem with mailing
- this is a different mailing entirely
- she will investigate the situation
- on the surface, it looks promising to have the proposed assessment deleted to make sure there is a system going on
- there are things out in the yard that shouldn't be there

Meldahl:

- said she just moved in and got a new bed
- they put it out there because a friend was going to get it, and the friend changed her mind
- she did not know she couldn't have that in the yard

Moermond:

- she will talk to the owner again or Mai Vang (paralegal) will get ahold of them
- she will look at that assessment role
- the responsibility for the assessment goes to the owner

Zoe:

- she tries to be a good citizen
- the reason they did not clean it up: they did not know
- if they received the notice, they would have removed the two pieces
- it is obvious, they are law abiding citizens

Moermond:

- as a landlord you could look at those things on the property and taken care of them without the City telling you to do that
- the excessive consunp. bill is done
- the excessive cons. bill is because of too many inspections
- she will look at the bill

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 10 RLH TA 14-458** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 1565 IDAHO AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 11 RLH TA 14-471** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1411 Assessment No. 148817 at 1565 IDAHO AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Bostrom

1565 Idaho Avenue East

LHO recommends reducing from \$1595 to \$400. Owner was in the VB Program from March 29, 2013 until July 31, 2014. It is a 4 months past anniversary date.

Moermond:

- reduce down to \$400

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 12 **RLH TA 14-460** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 897 JESSIE STREET.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

PO called and stated she missed hearing. Rescheduled per her requests to go with two other assessments plus a VB Registration Notice appeal (all to be heard at 2:30 p.m.)

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 8/19/2014

- 13 **RLH TA 14-463** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 27 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve and spread over 5 years.

27 Magnolia Avenue East

Mary Lawson, owner, appeared.

Seeley gave staff report:

*- assessment is for \$608
- summary abatement order
- date of orders is 5-15-14 with a compliance date of 5-20-14, and the work was done on 5-21-14
- failure to maintain exterior property free of rubbish and cutting the grass
- notice sent to Mary A. Larson, 10396 166th Street West*

Lawson:

*- she relocated
- this was a domestic violence situation
- she had someone taking care of it and it turned out to be a scam
- when she got the notices, neighbors helped move the trash
- police were being called all the time
- there was a vehicle abandoned there
- neighbors were calling
- they called the City a ton of times
- he was out of control, drinking, they had contacted the police several times
- she lived there until September for 11 years
- when asked if she was going to keep the property, Lawson responded they are in foreclosure now and it's been January since a payment was made*

Moermond:

- usually there is a sheriff sale and then the owner has 6 months to redeem the property
- they are 6 months away from losing the property
- it is a registered vacant building
- the assessment will stay with the property
- the work was done by the City

Lawson:

- there was someone in the house and she called the police
- they were living there and not paying anything

Moermond:

- the work was done and there was notice
- there are other things complicating the situation
- recommends they approve it and divide it over 5 years

(the grass video was shown)

(the other video was shown)

Moermond:

- it looks worse
- reiterated: she will divide over 5 years

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

14 RLH TA 14-449

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 310 MORNINGSIDE CIRCLE.

Sponsors: Lantry

Forthcoming.

310 Morningside

Debra Wesley appeared

Seeley gave staff report:

- the date of the orders is 5/2/14 with a compliance date of 5/12/14 and the work was done 5/16/14
- this is a summary abatement order
- orders mailed to Debra Wesley, 310 Morningside Circle, and occupant at the same address

Moermond:

- there is quite a mess

Wesley

- she has a daughter that has a brain injury
- Wesley is working
- she has lived with her off and on
- she would like to see the video

(Video shown)

Wesley:

- she did not receive the notice
- she asked why they said something about toys (on the video)
- she has a mailbox with a key and lost the key
- she loses a lot of stuff
- she was there when they (the cleanup crew) came and she was shocked
- if she had received the notice, she would have cleaned it up

Moermond:

- she will investigate this
- owner has issues with lawn maintenance

Wesley:

- she has been in the backyard cutting the grass

Moermond:

- there are problems with the interior as well, based on what she has seen
- that is the House Calls area

(Seeley gave the owner the phone number for House Calls)

Moermond:

- it is Ramsey County Public Health
- the three women that do this, just do housing problems
- they can get dumpsters at no charge
- she is seeing overflow
- she will look at this group of assessmenst and see what is going on

Wesley:

- said she is also having a problem with water

Moermond

- she would be well served to get the water to drain away from the house

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

15 [RLH TA 14-398](#)

 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1410A, Assessment No. 148532 at 240 MORTON STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Thune

 Approve.

 240 Morton

Enjoli Rosas appeared

Seeley gave staff report:

- this assessment is for \$320
- date of orders is 3-25-14 with a compliance date of 3-28-14, and the work was done on 3-31-14
- no mail was returned
- comments are 1/2 of frontage is done, rest is compacted and icy
- there are photos and a video

(Moermond looked at snow fall levels)

Rosas:

- she is a renter and does not get the notices
- she is wondering what this is all about
- she had foot surgery in December
- she works 12 hour days
- she does not have the time and has two children with autism
- she hires someone to do it and only does as much as her body can handle
- Andy Coke (owner) told her about this.

(video shown)

Rosas

- said she is not responsible enough to own her own home
- she does not have a lot of money

Moermond:

- owner did a decent job of clearing her own steps, especially if she had two foot surgeries
- having the public go across a dangerous sidewalk is not good

Rosas:

- the neighboring house has 15 Mexicans living in the same house

Moermond:

- Rosas is a renter
- it is the landlord's responsibility
- the landlord is also responsible for paying the assessment
- the landlord is holding you accountable for something he did not tell you about

Rosas:

- he will not renew her lease if she doesn't take care of this

Moermond:

- asked Rosas if she has Section 8 certificate
- might be good to find something new
- he should be held accountable
- paralegal will write a letter saying what the law is in this case
- to delete it does not make any sense

Moermond:

- recommends approval

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/20/2014

16 RLH TA 14-469

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 328 NINTH STREET EAST, UNITS 101, 102, 104, 105, 201, 202, 203, 204, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305 (PIN #s 31-29-22-41-0183, 31-29-22-41-0184, 31-29-22-41-0185, 31-29-22-41-0186, 31-29-22-41-0194, 31-29-22-41-0195, 31-29-22-41-0196, 31-29-22-41-0197, 31-29-22-41-0203, 31-29-22-41-0204, 31-29-22-41-0205, 31-29-22-41-0206 and 31-29-22-41-0207).

Sponsors: Thune

Delete all assessments from roll and re-assess to the association.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 17 RLH TA 14-472** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1410P, Assessment No. 148409 at 328 NINTH STREET EAST, UNITS 101, 102, 104, 105, 201, 202, 203, 204, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305 (PIN #s 31-29-22-41-0183, 31-29-22-41-0184, 31-29-22-41-0185, 31-29-22-41-0186, 31-29-22-41-0194, 31-29-22-41-0195, 31-29-22-41-0196, 31-29-22-41-0197, 31-29-22-41-0203, 31-29-22-41-0204, 31-29-22-41-0205, 31-29-22-41-0206 and 31-29-22-41-0207).

Sponsors: Thune

Delete all assessments from roll and re-assess to the association.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 18 RLH TA 14-465** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 722 ORANGE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Approve.

722 Orange Avenue

Moermond:

- this was a vacant building*
- owner lives in Massachusetts*
- work was done on June 3*

(videotape shown.)

Moermond:

- recommends approval.*

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 19 RLH TA 14-470** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1411, Assessment No. 148817 at 1361 REANEY AVENUE.

Sponsors: Lantry

1361 Reaney Avenue

Reduce from \$1595 to \$400. Owner was in the vacant building program from April 7, 2014 until the issuance of code compliance on July 25, 2014. Since it's a little over 14 weeks past anniversary date (a 60 day waiver was granted), DSI recommended prorating fee. No hearing was necessary.

Moermond:

- recommends getting the fee down to 1/4 of what it would have been*

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 20 RLH TA 14-456 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 401 ROSE AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Approve.

401 Rose Avenue East

The following appeared: Kathleen Thompson, owner; William Haire, lives with Kathleen

Thompson:

- she got a notice

Seeley gave staff report:

- the assessment is for \$666
- it is a summary abatement order
- it was quite a mess
- she went out there with the inspector

Thompson

- she is rebuilding the retaining wall

Seeley:

- there is a lot of improper storage
- there is a camper there
- it is not a legal parking area

(video shown)

Thompson:

- the kids swing set and trampoline were taken

Haire:

- barrels were taken
- furniture was being broken up and put in barrels to be taken away
- it is his understanding that for tires, furniture, and disposal things like that, there is a time of year where the tires can be taken
- the tires and barrels were stacked neatly
- the furniture was 2/3 broken up
- they took a swing set, parts of a trampoline that were stacked neatly
- there is a certain place to get rid of tires and furniture

Moermond:

- asked did she talk to the inspector

Haire:

- the inspector came to the door and made a complaint about him putting up the fence
- the fence was there; they were rebuilding the post
- he asked the insp. to go out with him to see what he was doing

Seeley:

- said that was a building inspector

Haire:

- said the front of the house has been relandscaped, and there are new bushes
 - the fence is totally done
 - they are working on putting the gates there
 - they are rebuilding

Moermond:

- he did not call Hoffman (the inspector) and ask for an extension
 - the inspector has the power to work with the owner and give an extension
 - there are cleanups for cleaning
 - they are responsible for cleaning up the yard regardless of a neighborhood cleanup

Haire:

- in response to a question, he responded there is a garage

Moermond:

- that is an okay place to store things
 - if there are things of value, they can file a claim form against the City
 - regarding the fence, that is a building inspector thing and she cannot do anything about it

Haire:

- he thought the inspector was for that
 - he misjudged who was doing what

Moermond:

- she did not hear about an extension
 - things were not taken care of
 - the cleanup didn't happen until after the deadline
 - she will recommend the Council approve the assessment

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 21 [RLH TA 14-445](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1405E, Assessment No. 148310 at 1169 ST. PAUL AVENUE.

Sponsors: Tolbert

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/3/2014

- 22 **RLH TA 14-476** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 1637 SELBY AVENUE.

Sponsors: Stark

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 23 [RLH TA 14-473](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1410A, Assessment No. 148532 at 518 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thao

No show - approve

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/20/2014

- 24 **RLH TA 14-464** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411G, Assessment No. 148711 at 1153 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Stark

*Reduce from \$410 to \$310.
Deleting J1412G future assessment.*

1153 Sherburne Avenue

Seeley:

- she called the trash company*
- as of May 9, he had service*
- it is \$410 fee and she suggests it be \$310*
- they only have a start up fee of \$50, Code Enforcement of 150 and end service of \$50*
- he had service two weeks after that*
- there is a forthcoming assessment, which should be deleted*

Moermond:

- 1) recommends decreasing the assessment*
- 2) deleting J1412G in the future*

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 25 **RLH TA 14-462** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 548 VAN BUREN AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thao

Reduce from \$486 to \$243 and spread over 2 years.

548 Van Buren

The following appeared: Jeanie Bowers, owner; Elizabeth Bowers, daughter

Seeley gave a staff report:

- assessment is \$486*
- summary abatement pre authorized work order*
- date of orders is 5-30-14 with a compliance date of 6-3-14, and work was done 6-3-14*
- no returned mail*
- mailed to Twin Cities Real Estate Partners LLC, 1715 44th Avenue North, Minneapolis; Turn-Key Properties Fund, 3104 Pacific Street, Suite 300, Minneapolis;*

Occupant, 548 Van Buren

Moermond:

- she can make an assumption why it is an emergency

Seeley:

- responded the picture and the garbage indicates a lot of refuse that is obnoxious

Elizabeth Bowers:

- the properties have gone to original investors

- in answer to a question by Moermond, Elizabeth responded she was part of

Turn-Key, and it still exists

- the previous owner took over this property, said he didn't want it, and gave it back to her mother

Jeanie Bowers:

- she just received the notice. (She approached and gave something to Moermond)

Moermond:

- said this is the public hearing notice and is addressed to Twin Cities Real Estate Powers in Excelsior

- because she never received anything, she would like to see the histories of the properties

- she could see the past notices of the abatement way back

Jeanie:

- she told City staff to send everything to her, and they did it out of courtesy

Elizabeth:

- these statements were going to Bob Andrews, Turn-Key Fund

- Pacisi is the previous owner

- they have taken out managing these properties

- it's been an unfortunate series of events.

- (she gave Moermond some documents)

Moermond:

- moving forward things are under control

Jeanie:

- in answer to a question by Moermond, she responded Ramsey County is clear that they are the owners

Elizabeth:

- notification date is July 16

- her stepfather was managing these properties

- they found out they had a squatter in the upstairs unit with three children, and they had put on new locks

(Other issues were discussed.)

(Video shown)

Elizabeth:

- said it was worse than that: there were maggots

- they emptied out the garage, house, and yard

- now that they are in control of these properties

- also, they take care of their neighbors
- she has an electric blower and goes through the three properties

Moermond:

- she is looking at this pile of garage
- notice went to the owner of record
- the ownership was changing around
- the cleanup was addressed somewhat, but it was not cleared by the time the crew was sent
- she will take \$100 off of it [staff note: recommendation was changed; please see end of minutes]

Elizabeth:

- it looks better in Saint Paul in the last two years

Moermond:

- decreased the amount by half and divided it over two years

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 26 RLH TA 14-461** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 35 WINNIPEG AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thao

8/11/14: Appellant called and wanted to know outcome of appeal. It was not reviewed at hearing. Ms. Moermond reviewed appeal today and recommended approval for the assessment. Notice went to previous owner(s) however, it is the responsibility of the seller to disclose pending assessments to buyer. -mxv

No show - approve.

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 27 RLH TA 14-478** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 1151 ROSS AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Delete the assessment.

1151 Ross

Javerian Saeid, Pars Investment, appeared

Saeid:

- got a letter
- he talked to Mai
- she said he does not have to send anything in
- his lot was not on the list
- the notices from the City do not give him time
- people have lives

Seeley:

- said it was a snow order
- orders were sent 2/10/14 with a compliance date of 2/14/14, work was completed

2/19/14

- cost of \$320
- orders sent to the occupant and Pars investment in Maple Grove
- no mail was returned
- there is no DVD, but there is a photo

Moermond:

- the order went out on Feb. 10
- there was snow that month
- between the order and the cleanup crew, there was an additional 7 inches of snow
- it is impossible to determine the snow the orders were written for and what was piled up

Saeid:

- this is a vacant lot
- his neighbors may not clean it for a week
- it comes down to him, and he has to have some time
- he requests a few days a week
- there is a mattress issue

Moermond:

- responded today is just snow

Saeid:

- there is so much difficulty with Saint Paul
- he is not going to build anymore houses in Saint Paul
- they have to give the owners a chance; he can't clean it right away

Moermond:

- recommends it get deleted

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 28 RLH TA 14-479** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535 at 870 GALTIER STREET.

Sponsors: Thao

Approve.

870 Galtier

Scott Beck, 1161 County Road BW #104, Roseville, appeared.

Seeley:

- order issued April 15 with a compliance date of April 23
- it was rechecked on May 9
- work order was done on May 9 for \$532
- notice was sent to the occupant and Mai Khoua Her
- summary abatement order is misc. debris on the property

(Video shown.)

Moermond:

- under the previous owner, it was ordered to be cleaned up, and they did
- present owner bought it a month after the cleanup

Beck:

- it was June, and he closed on June 16

Moermond:

- the work was done and the proper properties weren't notified

- owner has to go after them

- her office can provide a copy of the video, picture, and orders so Beck can present to them

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

Special Tax Assessments - ROLLS

- 29 RLH AR 14-57** Ratifying Collection of Vacant Building fees billed October 7, 2013 to March 12, 2014. (File No. VB1411, Assessment No. 148817)

Sponsors: Lantry

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 30 RLH AR 14-58** Ratifying Property Clean Up services during May 5 to June 3, 2014. (File No. J1411A, Assessment No. 148535)

Sponsors: Lantry

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 31 RLH AR 14-59** Ratifying Trash Hauling services during May 7 to 28, 2014. (File No. J1411G, Assessment No. 148711)

Sponsors: Lantry

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

- 32 RLH AR 14-60** Ratifying Trash Hauling services during May 3 to 23, 2014. (File No. J1410P, Assessment No. 148409)

Sponsors: Lantry

Referred to the City Council due back on 9/17/2014

11:00 a.m. Hearings

Summary Abatement Orders

- 33 [RLH SAO 14-28](#)** Appeal of Anthony Ross to a Summary Abatement Order at 947 MARION STREET.

Sponsors: Thao

Per Inspector Gavin, owner is in compliance. (No hearing necessary)

Withdrawn

34 [RLH VO 14-34](#) Appeal of Donald J. Klemmer to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 1060 AVON STREET NORTH #1.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid over on condition that owner works with House Calls Program to apply for Energy Assistance, no extension cords from 2nd floor to 1st floor and fresh new batteries on all smoke detectors. If power is restored, a hearing is not necessary.

1060 Avon Street North #1

Donald Klemmer appeared.

Seeley:

- this is an electric shutoff to Unit 1
- it was condemned
- it needs electrical to both units
- in the past, they have seen people running extension cords
- there needs to be water, electrical, and gas at all times

Moermond:

- the appeal reads the owner lives in Unit 2

Klemmer:

- Unit 1 is the main level
- Unit 2 is up
- it is a 3 level home: basement, main, top level
- owner occupied by himself
- last year, his wife passed away
- he hasn't lived in Unit 1 since she was gone
- they were married for 16 years
- the electrical is not on in that unit
- he is getting rid of stuff and putting things away
- when asked the amount of the electrical bill, Klemmer responded \$2,000
- when asked about energy assistance programs, Klemmer responded he is on assistance
- the problem is time
- he is not trying to fight is, but he needs a place to live
- there are some other issues with DSI

Moermond:

- is wondering about energy assistance
- she asked has he talked to Kay Wittgenstein or anyone from an energy assistance program

Klemmer:

- Klemmer responded no

Moermond:

- is looking for condition that he is following through with the program
- there is an allotment of money at the beginning of the month
- she is happy to do a layover of this on condition that he is following through with that (finding assistance)
- he should let her office know in two weeks if the electrical is restored
- no extension cords from up to down

- replace all the batteries in the smoke detectors on the first floor
- lay over for two weeks, same time

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 8/19/2014

- 35** [RLH VO 14-33](#) Appeal of Ferdinand Peters for Leonard Anderson to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate and Correction Notice at 559 MCKNIGHT ROAD SOUTH.

Sponsors: Lantry

Laid over to August 12 Legislative Hearing

Moermond:

- lay over for one week
- this is a vacate order for lack of water
- it cannot be occupied pending the next hearing date

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 8/12/2014

- 36** [RLH SAO 14-18](#) Appeal of Mary L. Murphy and Thomas M. Murphy to a Summary Abatement Order at 15 BAKER STREET WEST. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on September 9, 2014 and City Council Public Hearing on September 17, 2014)

Sponsors: Thune

To be referred back to LH on September 9, 2014 and CPH on September 17, 2014.

Two addresses are involved in this appeal: 642 Hall Avenue, RLH SAO 14-17; 15 Baker Street West, RLH SAO 14-18

Moermond:

- there are a few things going on: a collapsed retaining wall that is ordered to be stabilized, materials went into the backyard of Baker Street address
- that has been cleaned up
- hall Street side, the soils have eroded out from underneath
- the building is becoming less stable
- both sides have retained attorneys

Kautzer:

- spoke to their attorney this morning
- if the tribunal wanted him to be present, they can be present by home

Mr. Murphy:

- they were to have an engineering study done
- they have come back with a report
- a lot of money would be spent for a retaining wall.

Kautzer:

- Lukes Assoc. were at the property just before July 4
- they produced the proposal, took pictures, and had two engineers
- their job would be to come out and make some proposals for replacement wall, grading plan, recommendation, and contractors who will perform the work
- since that, he was on vacation and has not been able to talk
- his client has a background in construction
- they have not come to that point yet

- he has not seen a cost estimate and have not retained them

Moermond:

- asked if Mr. LeTende is the attorney

Mrs. Murphy:

- responded yes

Moermond:

- George A. LeTende, 3900 North Woods Drive Suite 350

- asked where they want to go from here

Kautzer:

- he has not had a chance to talk to LeTende

- based on what he saw, with financial cooperation on both sides, they can get this resolved

- right now, they do not have anything confirmed

- perhaps this can be laid over for a month

- he would like to break ground on this project after Labor Day

Moermond:

- she needs to see an engineering study

- they need a professional opinion that they can agree on

- she does not care who pulls a building permit as long as one is pulled

- she would like it done before frost

- each rain fall, the situation gets worse

- it is in their interest to look at this

- she asked is a one month layover good

Murphys:

- responded yes

Moermond:

- we will do a month layover to September 9, 11:00 a.m.

- before frost, she is looking for an engineering study and a building permit to do the wall

- she doesn't think DSI will give them a permit without an engineering study because of the situation, as one is dependent on the other

- who does the work is up to the owners

- the one month layover is for everyone to dig a little deeper, find an engineer, have the attorneys talk to each other, etc.

Grant until August 22 for Items 16, 23, 28, 29, 33 and 34. The remaining items are granted until September 26, 2014 for compliance.

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/20/2014

- 37** [RLH SAO 14-17](#) Appeal of Roger Hodge to a Summary Abatement Order at 642 HALL AVENUE. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on September 9, 2014 and Public Hearing on September 17, 2014)

Sponsors: Thune

To be referred back to LH on September 9, 2014 and CPH on September 17, 2014.

Two addresses are involved in this appeal: 642 Hall Avenue, RLH SAO 14-17; 15 Baker Street West, RLH SAO 14-18

The following people appeared: Roger Hall, owner, and Ed Kautzer of 642 Hall Avenue; Thomas Murphy and Mary Murphy, owners, of 15 Baker Street West

Moermond:

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- that has been cleaned up*
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- they have come back with a report*
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Kautzer:

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- since that, he was on vacation and has not been able to talk*
- his client has a background in construction*
- they have not come to that point yet*
- he has not seen a cost estimate and have not retained them*

Moermond:

- asked if Mr. LeTende is the attorney*

Mrs. Murphy:

- responded yes*

Moermond:

- George A. LeTende, 3900 North Woods Drive Suite 350*
- asked where they want to go from here*

Kautzer:

- he has not had a chance to talk to LeTende*
- based on what he saw, with financial cooperation on both sides, they can get this resolved*
- right now, they do not have anything confirmed*
- perhaps this can be laid over for a month*
- he would like to break ground on this project after Labor Day*

Moermond:

- she needs to see an engineering study*
- they need a professional opinion that they can agree on*
- she does not care who pulls a building permit as long as one is pulled*
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Referred to the City Council due back on 8/20/2014

Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations (NONE)

1:30 p.m. Hearings

Fire Certificates of Occupancy

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[RLH FCO
14-116](#)

Appeal of Ahti Hajunen to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 971 CASE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Grant until August 22 for Items 16, 23, 28, 29, 33 and 34. The remaining items are granted until September 26, 2014 for compliance.

971 Case Avenue

Ahti Hujanen appeared.

A. J. Neis gave a staff report:

- fire certificate of occupancy notice sent to Ahti in regards to an inspection on 7-10-14

- reinspected 8-15-14

- during Inspector Westenhofer's inspection, he identified 34 code violations on the property

- he is looking for an additional 60 days to get the work done

- this started as a complaint insp.

- the complaint was interior sanitation issues, guns in the home, and the tenants were shooting them over the weekend

- police squads went into the house and there have been 15 different tenants in the last 3 years

- there has been a few code enforcement complaints over the years, electrical shut off, sanitary issues

- it had a valid certificate of occupancy certificate at the time

Moermond:

- they went out in June and went back to do a full certificate of occupancy
- she asked when was the first set

Neis:

- responded June 20 and orders issued the same day
- they went back and the inspection was rescheduled
- a full certificate of occupancy was on July 10
- he is concerned about the behavioral issues on the property
- they are not attracting the most desirable tenants
- owner sustained a fire at his personal property
- he is working on getting his own personal home fixed

Hujanen:

- he is just looking for more time
- he was informed of some of the history
- a tenant was arrested, and he asked her not to come back
- prior to that, his ex-wife was receiving phone calls and communication
- he was not getting these, but he is now
- the cleaning out was not done well
- he just got into a new place
- he has someone coming over tomorrow to look at it
- when asked how many units, Hujanen responded two
- the upper level is occupied now
- there have not been 15 tenants as previous stated; maybe 4

Neis:

- another complaint was that the back stairway was in disrepair and unstable
- he is not sure how valid the complaints were
- less than a year ago, the staircase had been repaired and approved under permit and finalized and approved by the inspector

Neis:

- when asked by Moermond if it was on the list of order, Neis responded it may have been missing a handrail
- when asked was it a sound staircase, Neis responded it was approved under permit

Moermond:

- Item 12 was to provide access to all areas.

Neis:

- he assumed access was provided
- the inspectors may write that on the list to indicate they want access when they go back; then, they forget to delete
- on June 20, that exact same order was mimicked with interior access to all areas throughout
- the inspector had not amended that order

Moermond:

- asked about electrical on the first level

Hujanen:

- said the former tenant let it expire
- he will call Xcel to have it turned on

Moermond:

- will do this in two sets of deadlines

- 1) have these addressed by August 22: Item 16, restore electrical service to the unit
- between now and that time there should be fresh batteries in the smoke detectors and do not run an extension cord into that unit
- 2) Item 23, same deadline, missing vent issue; Item 28, carbon monoxide detectors in both units

Neis:

- asked about Item 23 and why it was called

Hujanen:

- responded there was not one in existence
- they will have to install a new one
- he would request additional time
- there is no vent above the stove and never has been one
- there has not been one in the ten years he owned it

Neis:

- if it is not existing, it is not required
- he would like more information from the inspector on that
- if there was something there, a cheaper way to do it is to purchase an over the range microwave because the vent is pre-installed
- he would like to look into that further

Moermond:

- DSI should review it, and remove it from the list if it should be removed
- if it is on the list, it should be abated by August 22
- Item 28 and 29, and 33 and 34
- the balance can wait for another five weeks or so.
- August 22 is the first deadline
- September 26 is the second deadline

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/20/2014

39 [RLH FCO
14-105](#)

Appeal of Mary-Megan Ehrmantraut for Lexington Kids Child Care to a Correction Notice - Child Care Center Inspection at 701 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH.

Sponsors: Stark

LHO consulted with Building Official Steve Ubl and she recommended denial of the appeal and grant until September 5, 2014 for compliance.

Recommendation is forthcoming. LHO will talk to Building Inspector and Fire Marshall.

701 Lexington

Mary Megan appeared

Neis gave a staff report:

- this was laid over from a few weeks ago to let the building inspector and project facilitators to look more thoroughly at the file to see if accommodations can be made
- this is a fire correction notice in response to a referral inspection to a child care for new classrooms
- the requirement is to allow children of different ages to be on the same floor
- this is a requirement for education occupancies

- children of certain age levels cannot be on the same floor
- it has to do with safety in evacuation
- it is Minn. State Building Code 421.0 and 419.2.2
- it does allow for an exception if the building is sprinklered or if there are adequate fire alarms for the whole building
- this requirement has been in place for many years

Megan:

- in answer to a question, she responded this is the old St. Matthews building

Neis:

- to comply with the requirements, they have to figure out a way to have different age groups on different levels of the building
- it is a matter of how you position your occupants strategically throughout the building

Moermond:

- there is a sprinkler issue related to this
- asked why she is appealing and what she is looking for

Megan:

- the school age program was in the church basement
- they have been in the education building for 12 years
- the church needs to use that for a different use
- they had them put the school age program into their building
- the space available is on the second floor and it is the safest for everyone
- the first floor is infants and toddlers, and they would have a hard time getting out on the second floor
- they have a fire monitor system through the building, three exits, two exits on the second floor
- there are only 2 or 3 children that are in third grade or older
- they have some school agers have been there since they were infants
- they do fire drills every month

Moermond:

- infants and toddlers are on the first floor
- second floor, the age group is up to third grade, 5 to 8 year olds
- she asked is those the only kids on the second floor

Megan:

- they have preschoolers and school age during the same time period

Moermond:

- asked the cut off for kindergarten first, and second grade

Neis:

- this was caused because they lost some space
- they were in compliance in the old place
- they have the reason for it on the state fire marshal website
- in response to a question by Moermond, Neis responded this is a state fire code issue, as well

Neis:

(read 419.23)

- it explains on what conditions are needed to allow the occupants

(Mai got Moermond the fire code book.)

Moermond:

- asked the fire code numbers

Neis:

- responded 419.2.2, 419.2.1

- they are in the State building Code and not the Fire Code

Moermond:

(looked at the code)

- asked do they want it on the First Floor

Neis:

- his understanding is they want to put older kids on the First Floor

- cut off is Third Grade

Neis:

(read the code)

- if they are second Grade, they can go one floor above

- this code goes back to little feet and how fast bigger kids to move and getting kids out

Neis:

- they were in compliance until recently

Megan:

- when asked if there is a fire alarm system, Megan responded yes

Neis:

- the alarm system gives them the exception

(read more code information)

Megan:

- they have two exits on the second floor

Moermond:

- she needs to think this through a little more

- Moermond will get back to Megan with a letter

- want to talk to the building official and fire marshall

- she will use Megan's e-mail

- she would like this on the City Council agenda by August 20

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/20/2014

40 [RLH FCO 14-97](#) Appeal of Mr. & Mrs. Jansen to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 610 ST. ALBANS STREET NORTH.

Sponsors: Thao

Deny the appeal. Inspector will re-issue new order. After getting the new Order, if they want to appeal, it will be set up for LH on August 12 at 1:30 p.m.

610 St. Albans

The following appeared: William Jansen and Wendy Jansen (Wendy Wenzel)

Neis gave staff report:

- *fire certificate of occupancy dated June 23*
- *reinspection July 21*
- *sent to William Jansen and Wendy Wenzel at 677 Thomas Avenue*
- *appeal: disagreeing with some of the orders and how much time is being given to complete*
- *there are photographs in the file in regards to the violations*
- *violations are quite extensive*
- *this home has had multiple issues throughout the years*
- *it has been condemned on two other occasions*
- *the initial inspection came through out office as a complaint inspection*
- *the complaint that triggered the inspection in April came across as interior house is packed, possible hoarding, extension cord hanging off roof, garage is deteriorated*
- *the inspector tried multiple times to get in and finally got access on June 23*

Wendy Jansen:

- *when asked who lives there, she responded her nephew*
- *the house needs work*
- *things are not going as quickly due to financial and medical problems, but things are getting done*
- *they are looking at extra time*
- *things may not look pretty, but they are still workable*
- *she has new cupboards for the place, but her nephew and friends are hard on things*
- *they have a band*
- *she does not want to put nice things in there*
- *she is hoping to work on things that really need to be worked on*
- *regarding the the floor in the kitchen, there is a spot with no tile, otherwise the whole floor is tiled*

Neis:

- *there is a good chance that is asbestos tile, which is a serious health hazard*
- *it is not just a pretty issue*

Moermond:

- *if the tiles are broken, asbestos gets in the air*

Wendy Jansen:

- *she didn't know there were asbestos in tiles*

Moermond:

- *asked about the nephew and buddies living there and having a band*

Wendy Jansen:

- *they practice once a week and not late at night*
- *they are respectable in that matter*

Neis:

- *the pictures show exposed lath and plaster along electrical fixtures, peeled paint beyond deterioration*
- *that is extremely dangerous in fire conditions because it allows smoke and heat to enter spaces where sheetrock and plaster would have a solid barrier*

Wendy Jansen:

- *she did not know it was like that until she was there with the inspector*
- *when asked how long the nephew lived there, she responded five years*

- they got the smoke detectors, hard wired carbon monoxide detector up and working
- she is just looking for more time

Neis:

- the home was condemned 8 months ago
- then it was condemned again

Moermond:

- asked how the condemnation was lifted without all these problems.

Neis:

- this was done by Code Enforcement and Xcel
- something about power being off
- when asked why the inspection was done by Code Enforcement and not Fire Prevention, Neis responded he didn't know
- William Jansen is the homesteader
- he is also on 677 Thomas
- he may have been going back and forth
- it should have been in the certificate of occupancy program
- he is looking now to see why it was condemned again

William Jansen:

- when asked were they living there, he responded yes and then he moved next door

Wendy Jansen:

- they lived there for a very long time and then they moved next door

Neis:

- when asked was there any other condemnations and orders, Neis responded it was condemned by Paul St. Martin
- Inspector Ed Smith went there in 2013, multiple violations, roof deteriorated, windows in disrepair
- Legislative Hearing Officer laid it over to November 19, 2013
- plan must have been provided
- Legislative Hearing Officer wanted several things done by June 15 and gave appellants until June 15 to get everything done, and the painting could be done later, and conditions were not met
- Code Enforcement may have told them it was a certificate of occupancy building
- he asked about the parcel

Wendy Jansen:

- it is one lot with a house and duplex
- they got some things done, but not all of it

Neis:

- said his office erred: instead of a correction notice on June 18, it should have been a revocation

Moermond:

- this is a terrible, screwed up situation
- this is a hard and fast deadline, and they may not be able to make it, but they will have to pull it together and figure it out
- things need to be done by August 29, which is a long time from the first deadline on July 21, which is a long time from when they originally talked about this
- there have been plenty of chances along the way
- if they do not do these things, there will be additional enforcement, including a

vacate order

- *just looking at the conditions, they could have written a condemnation with the holes in the wall, blocking of windows, asbestos*
- *if the deadline is not met, the place should be vacated*
- *the inspector would not be out there until September 2*

Neis:

- *when asked by Wendy Jansen who will be the inspector, Neis responded Inspector Urmann or Neis will do the inspection*
- *they need to modify to advise them of the order to vacate*

Moermond:

- *will deny the appeal outright*
- *Neis can issue another set of orders*

Neis:

- *apologize: this was a miscommunication*
- *the person who had this file no longer works for the City*
- *it was taken over by another inspector*
- *it should not have granted the time and should have been a revocation*
- *he would reamend the order with a condemnation*

Moermond:

- *what is in front of them now does not involve vacating the building*
- *she got ahead of herself when she said to empty the building*
- *because of the blown deadline already, she will recommend the appeal today is denied*
- *a new set of orders will be done revoking the certificate for noncompliance*
- *this will kick in a new deadline for getting the place empty*

Wendy Jansen

- *she is confused by what Moermond said*

Neis:

- *in 2007, the City Council amended all non owner occupied single family homes and duplexes to be inspected*
- *the home was not required to have a certificate then*

Wendy Jansen:

- *when asked is there a duplex and single family home on the property, she responded they live in the duplex and the nephew lives in the home next to it*

Moermond:

- *there there are three units on a parcel*

Neis:

- *if they are living in one house, then the other house is required to have a certificate of occupancy*

Mrs. Jansen:

- *said she is not getting rent from her nephew*

Moermond:

- *they should be perhaps*

Neis:

- appellant said they don't want to put new stuff in because the nephew destroys it
- perhaps vacating the property would allow her the time to get the building in a state to get someone in there

Moermond:

- said an inspector needs to be in there and revise a set of orders

Neis:

- there are a lot of reschedules due to illnesses
- if possible, he would like to pick a time right now to avoid the continuance back and forth

Moermond:

- she was incorrect in saying they should vacate
- she never should have said that
- now, she is trying to go back and fix it
- she will deny the appeal on this thing so they can start fresh
- the inspector may make a call that it should be revoked
- she would like to see him in a week
- the inspector will need to go back and have the insp. issue a fresh set of orders
- they will handle that together

(Neis and Mrs. Jansen tried to figure out a time. They figured out Monday (August 11) at 10:00. Mrs. Jansen said that gives her time to talk to her nephew.)

Moermond:

- they will issue another set of orders
- they are appealing to ask for my time, and she is saying no
- they will issue a new set of orders and they can talk about that
- she suspects that the fresh list will order the building emptied if they do not come into compliance by the deadline

Moermond:

- she will see them on Tuesday, August 12, at 1:30.

(This appeal will be denied, and new orders will be issued and heard on August 12.)

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/20/2014

2:30 p.m. Hearings

Vacant Building Registrations

- 41 [RLH SAO 14-26](#) Appeal of Bruce A. Olstad to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate, Correction Notice and Summary Abatement Order at 1497 MATILDA STREET.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Grant the appeal on the Correction Notice due to compliance; deny the appeals on the Summary Abatement and Condemnation Orders and a new Order will be issued with a deadline for September 15, 2014 for compliance. If not in compliance, the house will be condemned. Owner may present work plans to City Council.

1497 Matilda

Bruce Olstad appeared.

Moermond:

- *wants to know where the roof is*
- *she wanted to see some progress on the yard and the repairs underway*
- *the next step is to plan additional deadlines*

Singerhouse:

- *he and Steve Magner went out*
- *the northside –city owned property—is about 90% cleaned up*
- *there are some things on the City property*
- *luggage, shingles, compressers on his property*
- *no work on the roof at all*

Olstad:

- *there is some started on the fascia*
- *he has the permit*
- *he has arranged for the dumpster to be out*

Singerhouse:

- *looks like the pit is being used*
- *no one can be using City property for that*

Olstad

- *he will make sure the chairs are off of it*
- *someone dumped tires and they got rid of them*

Moermond:

- *said the gas is on, the roof is still bad*

Olstad:

- *when asked are eaves and soffits started, he responded he has materials*
- *when Moermond said the foundation is bad, he responded there is nothing wrong with the foundation*

Moermond:

- *she will look at the photos*
- *she has no additional information on that*
- *three things are going on: summary abatement, corr order, order to vacate*

Singerhouse:

- *shen asked has it been sent to Parks, he responded no*

Olstad:

- *when asked the plans for the yard, he responded there were things in the driveway he was taking care of*
- *someone came out and said the property looked good*
- *he had not heard anything else needed taking care of*

Moermond:

asked about hot tubs

Singerhouse:

- *it has to be in a working order*

Neis:

- asked does it have a locking cover

Olstad:

- it has a cover.

Moermond:

- there are other things: tires, barrels, drain tile, appliance

Olstad:

- there are no tires, appliances

Singerhouse:

- that is a lot of lumber, shingle

Olstad:

- they are for the roof

Singerhouse:

- said could rough 4 or 5 houses with the amount of shingles

Moermond:

- there was rubbish on some of the pallets

(Singerhouse and Olstad said the pallets are gone.)

Moermond:

- asked about rubbish

Singerhouse:

- responded just excessive storage

Moermond:

- there are a lot of materials out there

Olstad:

- when asked when the roof repair will be done, he responded in the next couple of weeks

- when asked about the walls in the house, he responded he does not know what they are talking about

- when Singerhouse said the walls are in rough shape, he responded that is why he is going to do siding and why the materials are there

- when asked about the compressors, Olstad responded they will be gone this week

(There was discussion about the correction orders. The gas service was taken care of and the appeal granted at that time.)

Moermond:

- now we have the exterior repair that needs to happen

- she would like to see some progress

- she asked is he doing this himself

Olstad:

- responded he gets some help

Moermond:

- we should get a new summary abatement order
- she is giving him a new deadline of September 5 to have the work done
- if that deadline is not met, then the place is condemned

Olstad

- is concerned about the deadline
- it was condemned because of gas and ordered vacated for 5 reasons
- gas is taken care of
- said he cannot afford to live elsewhere

Moermond:

- said he should get his friends to help
- she said he should go to the City Council meeting
- he should put together a plan and tell them when things will be done
- it will be at City Council on August 20
- a plan would be important to bring to them

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Sponsors: Thao

234 Snelling Avenue North

No show; deny the appeal

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