

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Topic: Blighted Properties

May 28, 2025

Council President Thad Eikenbary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted the topic was on blighted properties and communication to owners on blighted properties.

Ringwald, Kallas, Bowers, Agler, Roberts, Moore, and Marshall were present.

President Eikenbary let Agler present his thoughts to council.

Agler brought up Central and Chestnut property has been a problem for years. Agler is proposing amending the Ordinance for a different way to address property owners instead of just tenants along with adjusting fines to make the fine larger to try to get the property owners attention more.

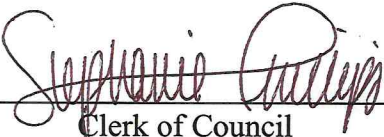
The Law Director describes the current process for blighted properties. Originally, the property owner was who was notified with “no traction”. Hatcher stated he thought there was better success by contacting the tenant. Hatcher also mentioned junk and rubbish cases are averaging between 5 to 10 per month. Most cases are successful with a few stubborn ones.


Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St., pointed out an owner of a property with a tenant cannot really take any action other than evicting which would not be likely.

Joe Jared, 310 W. Main St., questioned effective delivery of notices including instances where notices were found in bushes, receivers were incarcerated, etc. Hatcher reiterated how in depth and detail officers who are delivering those must be.

Moore asked about Garage Roofs in which Hatcher stated are treated the same as residences according to the ordinances.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Clerk of Council
Stephanie R. Phillips


Council President
Thad R. Eikenbary

June 9, 2025
DATE