

OSKALOOSA HOUSING TRUST FUND COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 6, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

City Hall Conference Room

The committee meeting was called to order by Chair Dalbey at 12:04 p.m. with the following members present: Dan Adams, Kandes Dalbey, Randell Davis, Kathie Dykstra (by phone), Bernice Hahn, Noel C. Stahle and Carri Vande Ree. Members absent: Joe Caligiuri, Valinn McReynolds, Dave Polkowske and Leon McCullough. Also present: Amy Miller, City Clerk; Wyatt Russell, Building Official; and Marilyn Johannes.

It was moved by Hahn, seconded by Davis to approve the September 4, 2014 Housing Trust Fund Committee Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee discussed the request for a demolition grant from David Wright for a house located at 146 Pella Avenue that Mr. Wright is proposing to leave as green space. Miller pointed out if the lot is left as green space, the owner has to repay \$2000 of the grant, which is to be repaid by a no interest loan over a two year period. It was moved by Adams, seconded by Stahle to approve demolition grant funds up to \$4,000 for demolition of the structure located at 146 Pella Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Wyatt Russell, city building official, explained his request for possible creation of an OHTF program regarding demolition of dilapidated housing in Oskaloosa, giving background information on each of the 10 structures contained on his list of structures that are "beyond" repair. Russell said he would like to take an aggressive stance on these properties with the help of OHTF. Russell said could adopt a program similar to Ottumwa and outlined the procedures Ottumwa follows.

Miller explained that budget not really an issue, said could increase budget to include more demos.

Hahn said want to be cautious about helping someone that has not been cooperative over someone who follows the current OHTF demolition grant program.

Miller asked if Russell could provide a copy of the Ottumwa plan. Russell said the program is basically the same as what is in the Oskaloosa code. Russell indicated even if take down only one or two structures a year, still better than now.

Davis said could partner with RHTF if possible.

Russell said rather than go to court or to the city council with dilapidated structures, he would like to refer matters to OHTF and let OHTF have final say. Davis suggested that RHTF be asked for their ideas.

Consensus of the committee was there was enough interest to pursue the matter. Dalbey said she had an RHTF meeting this month and she would bring the matter up at the meeting, then she would send an email to the OHTF committee regarding the response from RHTF.

It was moved by Stahle, seconded by Hahn to approve the September and October claims lists for payment. Motion carried with all ayes.

Miller reviewed the accounting report with the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Minutes by Marilyn Johannes