

**CITY OF DERBY**

**BLIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

**DERBY CITY HALL – JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Joseph DiMartino called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call**

Present: Joseph DiMartino, Thomas Donofrio

Absent: Jim DiMartino

Also Present: Andrew Cota, Blight Officer  
Keith A. McLiverty, City Treasurer  
Alderman Ron Sill  
Alderwoman Evelyn Browning  
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There were none.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Joseph DiMartino asked three times if anyone wished to speak during public portion. There were no requests – public portion closed.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2019 MEETING**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting as presented.

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 188 ELIZABETH STREET TO THE BLIGHT LIST.**

Mr. Cota said they have received complaints about dead animals, mainly birds, on the property and the porch is dilapidated. The owner said he would come in to discuss the issues and he never did.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 188 Elizabeth Street be added to the Blight List. **Motion carried.**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 39 GRANDVIEW BOULEVARD TO THE BLIGHT LIST.**

Mr. Cota said the owner was given thirty days advance notice to get the work done and it is in the same condition. The photos clearly show that the property is blighted.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 39 Grandview Boulevard Street be added to the Blight List. **Motion carried.**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO INITIATE FORECLOSURE ON 196 HAWKINS STREET.**

Mr. Cota said he would ask that the committee TABLE this item. He said he received a call from the bank, and they would like to resolve the issues. They will offer money and guarantee that the property is remediated.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to TABLE this item per the information provided by Blight Officer Andrew Cota. **Motion carried.**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ACCEPT \$820.00 AS PAYMENT IN FULL OF REDUCED BLIGHT FEES AND TO REMOVE 17-25 CRESCENT STREET FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.**

Mr. Cota said the \$820.00 is 20% of what the penalty was at that particular time and they have taken care of the problems. He said they have already forwarded the check and he would ask that the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen accept the payment and remove the property from the blight list.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to accept \$820.00 as payment in full of reduced blight fees and to remove 17-25 Crescent Street from the blight list. **Motion carried.**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO REMOVE 15 TENTH STREET FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.**

Mr. Cota said this property has been taken over by the bank and noted that it was vacant quite some time. They have begun work on the site and the property is remediated.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to remove 15 Tenth Street from the blight list. **Motion carried.**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO REMOVE 19-21 HAWKINS STREET FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.**

Mr. Cota informed the committee that this is in the bank's hands and they have already done extensive work to the property.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to remove 19-21 Hawkins Street from the blight list. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn  
Recording Secretary

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BLIGHT COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**