

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF AUSTELL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010**

Present: Mayor Joe Jerkins
Kirsten Anderson
Trudie Causey
Randy Green
Virginia Reagan
Martin Standard
Scott Thomas

The regular meeting of the Mayor and the City Council was held on Monday, October 2, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall.

Also present were: Scott Kimbrough, City Attorney; Carolyn Duncan, City Clerk; Sandy Farmer, Deputy City Clerk; General Administration Department; Randy Bowens, Public Works Director; Jim Graham, Community Affairs Director; Denise Soesbee, Finance Director; Bob Starrett, Police Chief; Tim Williams, Fire Chief.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jerkins called the meeting to order. Scott Kimbrough gave the Invocation and Mayor Jerkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jerkins asked if any Council Member would like to add items to the Agenda. No one did.

Mayor Jerkins presented Assistant Chief Pat Maxwell a 20 year plaque and thanked him for his service and all his hard work. Mr. Thomas presented Assistant Chief Maxwell with a 20 year pin and thanked him for service and his efforts.

2. CONSENT AGENDA – INFORMATION AND UPDATE

(No Action Required by Council – See Specific Department Director before Meeting.)

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Bills
- B. Approve Legal Bills \$1, 225.00
- C. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting September 13, 2010

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed (6-0).

4. EXCEPTION TO CONSENT AGENDA

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5. CITIZENS REPORT

A. Mike Otten – Homeowners Group – Cureton Woods

Mr. Otten introduced himself to the Council and stated he lived in Cureton Woods here in Austell. He stated he was present to represent some of the residents in Cureton Woods. We formed our committee right after the flood to organize ourselves and help each other during the flood. We are not the H.O.A. and it is still by covenant part of Steve Waldrop Realty until a number of units are built over a period of time. This is part of the problem right now. We have done a lot of things over the past year in particularly to bring back our community and to identify some of the issues and problems that existed within it. Also, to organize our owners and to resuscitate our group, we have had barbeques, clean-up campaigns and all sorts of things. Mr. Standard came out last summer and helped judge the best yard contest held in the community the day before the barbeque. So, we have done a lot of things to get past the situation. We are here for two reasons. One is to thank you guys for the improvements made along Austell-Powder Springs Road. We were here about six or eight months ago asking for those things to happen and most of them did happen and we are very grateful for that. The other reason we are here is for your help and your guidance over some issues we are having in our community with the developer. We are having trouble with our Developer and the HOA President who is Steve Waldrop. The HOA within our community is again Steve Waldrop who has refused to meet with the owners of our community. He has never met with the owners. He is in violation on our covenants on a number of points. We are to have at least one meeting and there are more violations. As a developer also there are some issues we need to address in our community. Two in particular involve both the lots that are left unfinished or in some cases just unattended both in Phase I and pretty much under water in the flood last year. Also, the paving of our roads and the streets within our community haven't been done. It is our understanding and the first issue being we have two sets of lots which have not been worked on at all. There are holes in the ground with dirt piled next to them or weeds cover them. In Phase I we have foundations that have never been finished. Mr. Waldrop has no intention of finishing construction on these sites in Phase I. He has told us that on more than one occasion. So, consequently he is building less expensive homes in Phase II. This is another issue we have to deal with ourselves as depreciating home values. We have these lots that to be taken care of somehow.

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We have spent some time looking at some of the City and County ordinances and apparently there are some ordinances in place that seem to encourage or possibly force the developer to maintain those lots to a much better degree. Especially the lots that have foundations on them because there is protruding rebar, holes dug and we have kids all over the place who could easily get hurt walking around those lots. Mr. Waldrop has been pretty inactive and pretty passive. The only time he has worked on anything is when we have forced him on an issue to repair or fix something. This is pretty much it and he does things when he wants to and has refused to meet with the homeowners. On the issue of paving, our understanding is that the paving of the streets will occur at some point in the future when a number of homes are built. It is our understanding he has no intention of finishing Phase I which means the homes will never be built. At some point in the future, our question is when the streets will be paved. It will be five years in a few months and we have pot holes which the City has repaired and it's just really bad and we need these things fixed. We also feel at some point in the future he could go out of business or he just will not finish at all so we need help in those two areas lots and paving. Mayor Jerkins asked if the banks were involved or do you know. Mr. Otten stated six or seven homes were either in foreclosure or abandoned. We feel there may be a few more foreclosures coming. Mayor Jerkins asked if Mr. Waldrop was building three new homes. Mr. Otten stated, yes, one is sold and that is the forty-fourth house and the other two are for sale. Mr. Standard asked if he was actually building in Phase II. Mr. Otten stated, yes he was. Mr. Standard asked, so he has abandoned Phase I. Mr. Otten stated at a H.O.A. meeting about six months ago he told us he had no intention of building anything in Phase I that was under water unless someone came in and asked specifically for that lot and he said that would be the only way he would build. Mr. Otten stated these are the two big issues and the others are we have some sand bags on the streets and the sewers are deteriorating and coming apart that to be replaced or fixed. I don't know who is responsible for that. We have the silt fences that are crumbling. If you drive through there are certainly some areas in the community that need to be fixed up or maintained better than they have been. The last issue is Autumn Brook and what is going on there. Some homeowners would like to have the trail closed between the two subdivisions because there doesn't seem to be a reason to have it connecting the street any longer. Autumn Brook is perceived to be part of our community and we are trying to make Cureton look good and bring it back to moving forward and bringing people back to it.

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We are trying to curtail the perimeter area so we can present Cureton Woods in a better light than before. These are the issues the paving, the lots, and the on going issue of Autumn Brook. By the way, there are some issues over there, too, about houses being broken into and squatters living in some of the homes. We have called the Police sometimes and they have come to check things out. One of our female homeowners was jogging over there and someone from one of the empty homes tried to lure her over to the house. We would like to have it closed off if possible. Mayor Jerkins stated he wasn't sure if the City could close the road off because of safety reason because it would keep the Fire department from getting through to one section to another. Mr. Otten stated I don't think there is anyone in any of the homes that are there in Autumn Brook. Mayor Jerkins stated, he agreed he didn't think was anyone living there. Mayor Jerkins asked Mr. Bowens if he talked with anyone in Autumn Brook. Mr. Bowens stated There is one house that has been re-done and possibly a buyer has looked at the house. Mayor Jerkins asked Mr. Bowens did you not say there were seven homes owned by one person. Mr. Bowens stated there are six or eight and owned by BCS Development. Mayor Jerkins asked if the grass had been cut the last time I was there it had not been cut. Mr. Bowens stated he just recently talk with him about the upkeep of the yards. He attended a meeting we had at the Threadmill and he told me he would have someone out there to cut the grass. Mr. Otten stated we realize that Autumn Brook does its own thing and there are a lot of situations that we are governed whatever becomes of it. Our main issues are with the lots and the paving. We are just trying to bring the subdivision back. Mr. Standard stated there were several house down the street that were flooded not boarded up just left open and are they still that way. Mr. Otten stated, yes absolutely. A few houses are abandoned or not moved into too I suppose and the windows are open. In some cases, two of the homes were abandoned closest to Autumn Brook. I think one is in a short sale. But, we have done some good things we have liens on fourteen homes in the subdivision. We have identified all the dues situations. We are now trying to move forward with the lots and those things, under control along with the street. Mayor Jerkins stated he wasn't sure if we had Mr. Waldrop under bond or not in that subdivision. Mr. Bowens stated he thought we did on Autumn Brook. Mayor Jerkin stated he was talking about Cureton Woods subdivision. Mayor Jerkins stated the City of Austell can stop him from building anything else until he gets the street paved. Mr. Otten asked in Phase II. Mayor Jerkins, stated, yes, in Phase II we can stop all that.

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Mayor Jerkins stated we need to stop his permits right now and his contractors until he gets the street paved in their section anyway. A gentlemen in the audience stated he spoke with Bo Garrison of Public Works and he told him the City was not allowing the streets to be paved. Mr. Bowens stated no, that wasn't true. The policy we have for the current subdivisions being built we try to allow the binders to stay on the road for one year after completion of the home. This is to ensure there is no sub grade that was put in and does not meet the standards. A lot of times you go in there prematurely and put the final topping on that road and then it starts to sink in or give way. The contractor is free and gone away and then we have to address it. We make sure that binder will hold up before we allow them to put a final topping on it. But, this has been five years. Mayor Jerkins stated it needs to be paved. He is probably under the assumption he is not going to pave it until the final Phase I is built out but we can change that. Mr. Otten stated the point is he may not finish Phase I and if that is the case we would not get our street paved. Mayor Jerkins stated we can stop him from doing any other building or at least without any permits until he gets the roads paved and we can do that for sure. Mr. Standard asked when they come before us to ask for our approval for zoning and building a subdivision and we give requirements about the front façade and the bricking and etc. Is there a moratorium on how long it takes them to finish than what they say they will do? Mayor Jerkins stated he had never enforced a moratorium on this. They usually get in and get through and get out of there. Mr. Standard stated more in Phase II should they not meet the requirements in the initial Phase I. Mayor Jerkins stated we can make him pave the road because we will not give him any building permits and not only that we will not give him any C.O.'s where he can finish up anything. Mr. Standard asked, he will have to finish Phase I before he can go to Phase II. Mayor Jerkins stated we will see that he paves the road but I don't know about the homes he has started. Mr. Otten stated because of the flood and the economy it's just weird right now but these are our homes and we are trying to do everything we can to make it a viable community to have more homes built and sold so more taxes are generated and we represent the City well. Mayor Jerkins stated it's a nice subdivision and one of the nicest in Austell. A gentlemen from the audience asked if he is not going to build out Phase I can we require him on the lots that do not have foundations poured maybe turn it into a green space. On our road a basement is dug out and there is a pile of dirt and the kids could fall thirty feet into the basement and it is unsafe. Mayor Jerkins stated we can do something.

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The gentlemen stated we have him to fix it and bring the dirt back down. Mayor Jerkins stated we might make him get the foundations up if he's not going to finish what he started. I don't know if we can make him build anything but we can make him pave the streets by not allowing him to have anymore permits or finish up what he has got. Mr. Standard asked if the homes that are abandoned and left do these belong to him or they individual homes. Mr. Otten stated they are individual homes. Mr. Standard asked do we have any unsafe building abatement's in this subdivision. Chief Williams stated, no, we do not. Mr. Otten stated there are lots that have foundations poured and there must be four or five. Mr. Standard stated he needs to finish it or clean it off. Mr. Otten stated Mr. Waldrop technically according to the covenant he would be H.O.A. President till December 1, of next year. Can he petition the City Council to retain his role as H.O.A. President beyond December 1, 2011? Mr. Standard stated it doesn't sound like a good idea. Mr. Otten stated we are looking forward to taking over the H.O.A. next year and going forward. Mr. Standard asked is there nothing in the charter of the H.O.A. to over throw him and place someone in his place. Mr. Otten stated no, it says unless a certain percentage of the homes are finished or I think it is seventy-five percent of the lots are sold. I think its certain steps that have to take place. The end of that process is December 1, of next year and it says in no event it will not be retained by the developer and it will be turned over and this could change too. Mayor Jerkins stated we need to find out each lot number that has foundations on it. We need to go there tomorrow and get each lot number and so we can see which ones they are. We will send him a letter and say to him he has to finish the houses or get the foundations up because they are unsafe. Then we will give him a letter saying he has ten days and then after that point we may have to get him in court and let the Judge deal with him. We do not need unsafe buildings out there. We need to get all the information gathered and send him a letter and tell him he has ten days to get that straightened out and if he does not comply then he will go to court. Mr. Graham stated he would stop the permits. Mayor Jerkins stated we will have to deal with the paving of the subdivision. At least, that first phase of the subdivision before he can get anymore permits. A gentlemen in the audience stated it might be worth mentioning there is a potential health problem because there is a retention pond that hasn't been looked at since we moved in or since the flood. It's grown up and very stagnant water and a lot of mosquitoes, bugs and stuff like that, so the retention pond could be a health issue. Mr. Standard asked if there was a fence around the pond. The answer was no.

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Mr. Bowens stated the Inspector we had for the Soil Erosion would oversee that portion of it has left us, but we have a new guy starting Thursday who is actually certified and is now working for Paulding County, but leaving to work for the City. We will be coming out to each individual subdivision that is under construction and do a complete walk through. So, some of things you just mentioned about the retention pond will be noted in this letter we will be sending from the Mayor and he will have to address this or be in violation.

Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone else would like to speak to the Council tonight. Ms. Ann Turner introduced herself and stated she lived at 5415 Austell-Powder Springs Road, the lady with orange mailbox. I have a good piece of news. Legion Park looks fantastic. It really looks good the new plantings all around, yes, the Magnolia trees are gone, the Indian Hawthornes are gone but the replacements are really pretty. The silly green pillowcases around the cherry trees are doing their job. The leaves are standing up straight and they look like they are going to survive. My dog really enjoys walking down there now. She does like to chase the geese and the geese fly and I will not let her off the lease. Ms. Turner asked if there was anything that could be done about the five or six bales of cardboard in the creek. Mayor Jerkins told Ms. Turner we are starting to work on that now. We are starting to clean some of the creek out. Ms. Turner stated she was there this morning and realized you would need an enormously long cherry picker to reach down there to get it out and would the bank hold something that heavy. Mr. Bowens stated he met with one contractor today and I met with one last Friday and actually walked through the area. We have solicited the NRCS for funding to actually to that clean up job. Last Friday, myself Bo Garrison and Mike Hays actually put a boat in at the bridge at Austell-Powder Springs Road and maneuvered as far down as Owens Drive and Windy Lane just to see the condition of that portion of Sweetwater Creek and to document and take some pictures of the area. We are focusing on that area now and hopefully we will have something that will be positive in happening as far as the removal of the grade and some shoring up and stabilization. Ms. Turner stated as you approach the bridge from the park side and that would be the South side of the bridge there is a very large conduit and I think it is at the road bed level and it looks like the old insulation they used to put around steam pipe that has been ripped off and what is that conduit for? Mr. Bowens stated it is the water line for one of the water sources that supplies to the City of Austell. The insulation you see around that is actually protection for the winter time and that will be replaced.

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Ms. Turner stated again, how good the park looked. Mayor Jerkins stated those of you who are not aware of it, Lowe's came out and brought about a hundred and twenty employees and furnished all the shrubbery and helped in the park and they have done an exceptional job. It was probably forty to fifty thousand dollars worth at the park. They planted all the shrubbery and donated all of it to us and they really did a good job. Lowe's also did three homes in Pontiac Circle that were flooded. They painted one house and really did a lot of work there.

**6. GAS SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE
JOE JERKINS**

Mr. Kimbrough stated he attended the meeting and it was a normal meeting adopting the applicable rate schedule for this billing period.

**7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT
VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON
Denise Soesbee, Director**

- A. Financial Report

**8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
KIRSTEN ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
Carolyn Duncan, Director**

- A. No Report

**9. POLICE DEPARTMENT
VIRGINIA REAGAN, CHAIRPERSON
Bob Starrett, Police Chief**

- A. Police Report
- B. Code Enforcement Report

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C. A Accommodating Bail Bonds – Privilege License

Ms. Reagan stated A Accommodating Bail Bonds has applied for a Privilege License through the City of Austell to be on our approved Bonding Company List.

Applicant, Ryan Krebs has paid the required \$100.00 background fee, been fingerprinted through Live scan, with no Criminal history. He is an approved Bondsman through Barrow County, Cobb County, City of Smyrna, Marietta, Acworth and Powder Springs. Mr. Krebs has asked to be put on the Council Agenda to be approved.

Ms. Reagan moved to follow the recommendation of the Police Committee to approve Mr. Krebs for a Privilege License. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT

SCOTT THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON

Tim Williams, Fire Chief

A. Fire Report

B. Unsafe Building Update

Mr. Thomas stated he would like to turn this over to Chief Williams. Chief Williams stated the property on Brooks Drive is still in the buyback program as one of the approved homes. The property is owned by Mr. Bo Traylor. There has been no change on the Mulberry Street property or the Pine Street property. On the Rockhill property, Ms. Otts met with me last week and she did sign the agreement and we are proceeding this week with the abatement. On this property we will use a private contractor instead of tying up our City employees. We received a very good price and will move forward with this sometime this week.

11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MARTIN STANDARD, CHAIRPERSON

Randy Bowens, Director

A. No Report

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Mr. Standard stated he did not have a report but he would like to tell everyone there will be a meeting on Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. at the Threadmill Complex. It will be the Cobb County Infrastructure Parks and Transportation S.P.L.O.S.T. 2011 Information meeting. Basically, it's a series of public meetings and this is the first one that is close to the Austell residents and the other meetings are located in other parts of the county. Public meetings have been scheduled to seek your input on the infrastructure for the parks and transportation needs of our area. Mr. Standard asked Mr. Graham if they are proposing a new S.P.L.O.S.T. tax. Mr. Graham stated the current tax is due to expire next year. If this is approved it will continue on just like before. Mr. Standard invited the audience to please attend the meeting. We need ideas and if it does pass we will have a bunch of money to help our community. It is always good to have your input otherwise we do not know what you want.

12. PARKS DEPARTMENT

**RANDY GREEN, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

- A. No Report

13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**TRUDIE CAUSEY, CHAIRPERSON
Jim Graham, Director**

- A. Annexation request from Paul and Judith Carter to annex the property located at 3230 Oak Street.

Ms. Causey stated the Department of Community Affairs has received a request from Paul and Judith Carter to annex .86 acres of property located at 3230 Oak Street into the corporate boundaries of the City of Austell. At this time I would like to turn this over to Mr. Kimbrough for a public hearing.

Mr. Kimbrough stated the Department of Community Affairs has received a request from Paul and Judith Carter for an annexation for property located at 3230 Oak Street and it is .86 acres to be annexed into the City of Austell.

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Mr. Kimbrough stated the applicant wished to annex the property with its current Cobb County zoning of Neighborhood Shopping (NS). Mr. Kimbrough asked if Mr. or Mrs. Carter was present. Mr. Kimbrough swore in Mr. Paul Carter. Mr. Kimbrough asked Mr. Carter what was the reason for his annexation. Mr. Carter stated he wanted to put in a sporting goods store and Cobb County denied me zoning because it was neighborhood shopping. I found out later that I could still put in a sporting goods store. Mr. Scott Thomas has talked me into coming into the City of Austell. This is very much what I would like to do and put a sporting goods store in the City and I have been cutting hair for forty-one years and I would probably have to keep that up. I will tell you up front it will not be like a Bass Pro Shop to start with because it will be small. Mr. Kimbrough stated you would have to get a little bit more acreage for a Bass Pro Shop. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had any questions of Mr. Carter. Mr. Standard asked Mr. Carter if he was anticipating building a new building. Mr. Carter stated, no, just the building I have now. Mr. Kimbrough stated there is no one who has signed up to speak in opposition. Mayor Jerkins stated one good thing when you come into the City you will get almost three mills off your taxes from the County because you will get a discount from them. They will start discounting because we have our own Fire Department. Then you will only pay a little over three mills for City tax so it is almost nothing to come into the City of Austell. It will be almost an even swap. It will be a little bit more but not much. You will receive all of our services which will be an advantage. Mr. Carter asked what kind of services? Mayor Jerkins stated Police, Fire, yard pickup, such as leaves, limbs, etc. We furnish street lights and ongoing things throughout the year. Mr. Kimbrough asked if anyone had any more questions of Mr. Carter. No one did.

Mr. Standard moved to follow the recommendation to close the hearing. Seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed (6-0).

Ms. Causey moved to follow the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve this annexation. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed (6-0).

14. CITY ATTORNEY – DUPREE & KIMBROUGH

- A. No Report

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15. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CMA MEETING
TIME:
LOCATION:

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6:30 P.M.
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Mayor Jerkins asked if anyone had any questions or would like to speak. Ms. Causey stated she was down by Ralph's Trailer Park on Bankhead and noticed R.V.'s in the park. Mayor Jerkins stated they were not supposed to have them in there, but they are going to apply for a rezoning on that particular spot. They are working on that now. Mayor Jerkins asked Mr. Graham if they had started working on that. Mr. Graham stated, yes, sir, he is supposed to bring the plat in to me. Mr. Standard asked so; you get permission to do it or go ahead and do it, then get permission. Mayor Jerkins stated it's done but it's put on hold. Ms. Causey asked if people were living in them already. Mayor Jerkins stated he didn't know if they were or not. Mr. Graham stated he drove down there today and he couldn't tell if there were residents in them or not. We did talk to him and tell him he had to do everything and make it legal. He claimed he had something on the business license to prove he could. But we proved differently. Ms. Anderson stated she had one comment. Our church on Love Street had a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, and we made the front page of the Marietta Daily Journal. Ms. Causey stated I know we have brought this up before about the Code Enforcement to Mr. Kimbrough and if they can check the vehicles in the yard that are not insured and with a tag. Did I understand you right, we can send a letter to the people verifying insurance and proof of tag on their vehicle? Mr. Kimbrough stated are these all the vehicles parked in yards and houses and that sort of thing? Ms. Causey stated, yes. Mr. Kimbrough asked Chief Starrett if we could do this and Chief Starrett stated, yes, we could send a letter. Ms. Causey stated, that is what I am saying, if we could send a letter requesting them to send us that information. I had mentioned it to Code Enforcement and they said they were not aware they could do anything. Who would do the letter or would it be up to the Chief or who? Mr. Kimbrough stated it would come from Code Enforcement. Chief Starrett stated we cannot go into the back yards because that would be trespassing. Ms. Causey stated she understood that. Mr. Standard stated can't we write them a letter stating they have ten days to prove they have insurance and a tag for the vehicle and if they don't get proof in ten days we can give them a citation? Chief Starrett stated I don't see how we can do that because of the privacy law.

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Mr. Standard stated most of these places people are living there and somehow get the letter in their hand. Mayor Jerkins stated what they say I will not tell you then what are you going to do? Mr. Standard stated then we could give them a citation. Mayor Jerkins stated then what will you do because you can't fine them and you can't go into their yard to see if they have a tag. You cannot go behind their house and you can't get on their property to see if they have a tag on it. If it is visible from the street or something that may be different. Mr. Standard stated some property in the city backs up to other properties and you can see from one property to the other properties. Chief Starrett stated on some occasions we have asked the neighbor if we could get to the back property through their property. Mr. Standard stated so, if we know the vehicle is not tagged and we can see it then we could give them a citation or a ten day letter stating purchase your tag or if we can't see the tag there is nothing we can do. Chief Starrett stated that's correct. Mr. Standard stated as long as they prove they are legal. Ms. Causey stated as long as they don't have anything to hide they will show it. Ms. Causey asked about the boarded up building on Veterans Memorial Highway and if there was something we could do or do we have to wait till it goes to court. Mr. Kimbrough stated the Chief had given him the list of names and he would follow up at the next meeting. Ms. Causey stated she had an awful lot of calls from citizens asking about that building. Mr. Standard stated does he think because he is in litigation that he does not have to comply with city code. Mr. Kimbrough stated the lawsuit may take care of what our concerns are and take care of that property. We will have to wait to see what happens. The wheels of justice turn slowly sometimes. Mr. Standard stated maybe if we get ours turning now rather than later and he has obviously been in violation for years. Chief Starrett stated he is real hard to find. When this started and we gave him a citation and Jim and I met with him one time and then we got Mr. Kimbrough involved and decided to wait and see how court would turn out. Ms. Causey asked can you not send the citation to his attorney. Mr. Kimbrough stated it would not be service on him for this action. Mr. Graham stated what the owner told us the reason he boarded it up was he was working on a water problem under the floor that he felt like Burger King had caused the problem. In order to take down the boards and put the glass back up this was his way to get the construction finished. Chief Starrett stated we were going to cite him for the debris behind his place but he said he didn't put there but it was on his property. The excuse he gave us was until the court was settled he wouldn't do anything.

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Mr. Green asked if you see a car with a tag and the grass is growing up around the car is there such a thing as probable cause and to take pictures and have a reason to know if the vehicle has a legal tag and insurance on it or not? Chief Starrett stated if it is behind the house we don't see it. Mr. Green stated if it shows signs of sitting there and the tires are flat couldn't we do something. Chief Starrett stated we have a lot of those like that. Ms. Causey stated then, we need to take of them. Mr. Green stated that would be one reason to have probable cause to do something. Chief Starrett agreed with Mr. Green.

16. ADJOURN

Mr. Thomas moved to follow the recommendation of Mayor Jerkins to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Reagan. Motion passed (6-0).