

**Jonesboro Land Bank Commission
Minutes for Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Via City Council Chambers, 300 South Church Street, Jonesboro, AR**

Note: We will follow guidelines for public meetings per the Arkansas Department of Health.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jeffrey Herndon, Jay McLeod, Corey Mills, Dennis Zolper, Bob Warner, James Hollywood, Monica Percy, Heather Owens, Derrel Smith

Absent: Gabe Roberts

2. Finding of a quorum

3. Approval of Minutes

A. December 21, 2021

A motion was made by Dennis Zolper to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeffrey Herndon. The motion PASSED unanimously.

4. Old Business

A. Commission Recommendations for Appointments, Areas of Interest

Derrel Smith introduced a new member of staff, Monica Percy, he also stated that two new Commission recommendations would come from City Council after their next meeting. We should have a full Committee by our next meeting.

Bob Warner stated the Mayor and his staff will get everything in order for those appointments.

New Business

B. Acquisition of 105 North Drake St.

Smith stated the Land Bank acquired 105 North Drake St, it is now in our inventory. This donation was approved during the last City Council meeting on January 4th 2022.

C. 106 North Bridge St. Fire

Smith stated the property located at 106 North Bridge has had a vacant house on in for some time now. The structure caught on fire last week. He stated we will try to make contact with the owner of this property to see if they would be interested in donating it in exchange for cleaning up what's left of the house.

Warner stated obtaining the property at 106 North Bridge would complete the entire block for the Land Bank, which would be a great acquisition. There are a couple other properties towards the North that we would be interested in getting if possible.

Smith stated the City has a surveying firm on contract and we would like for them to come in a map out this whole area and get all the contacts and see about contacting Burlington Northern Railroad to obtain the property they own in that area, it's something they don't use anymore.

Dennis Zolper stated that he thought that was a great idea.

D. Commissioner Comments

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Warner stated because it is a new year it is probably best that we pursue what we are interested in and to look into the City's inventory.

Smith stated in his last meeting with the Mayor and staff they were okay with the Land Bank taking over the rest of the City's inventory. Smith plans to follow up to make sure that's how they want to pursue it.

Warner stated the Land Bank would essentially be the real estate agency for the City if this were to happen. He also stated the Land Bank needs to set up a tour of all the properties that are in our inventory after the new commissioners are appointed. It would be beneficial for everyone to see where these properties are located. From this we might want to reevaluate our impact areas or add new ones.

James Hollywood asked Smith if the cost of the surveyor would come out of the Land Bank budget.

Smith answered that it would be taken out of the budget.

5. Public Comments (3 Minutes Per Person)

Warner asked for public comments. There were none.

7. Adjournment

Dennis Zolper made a motion to adjourn. The motion PASSED unanimously.