

THE LEVELLAND CITY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, THE 25th DAY OF JULY 2022, AT LEVELLAND CITY HALL, R. O. DENNIS COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1709 AVENUE H, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbra Pinner	Honorable Mayor	Absent
Jim Myatt	Council Member	Present
Mary Engledow	Council Member	Present
Breann Buxkemper	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Michael Stueart	Council Member	Present
Matt Wade	City Attorney	Absent
Brandon Anderson	City Manager	Present
Andréa Corley	City Secretary	Present

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

The Pledge was led by Mayor Pro Tem Breann Buxkemper and the Invocation was given by Council Member Jim Myatt.

Statements by Citizens:

There were no statements by citizens

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2022, Meeting.

Motion by Mary Engledow

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action on City of Levelland policy handbook change by adding Section 6.11 - Paid Quarantine Leave Policy.

HB 2073 passed the Texas Legislature on June 15, 2021, and addresses paid Quarantine Leave for Public Safety / First Responder personnel. As we interpret this new law, any fire fighter, peace officer, or emergency medical personnel employed by a municipality or political subdivision cannot have a reduction of sick leave, vacation leave, holiday leave or other paid leave if required to be on leave due to being quarantined as a result of a communicable disease or possible or known exposure to a communicable disease. Policy as developed by Matt Wade is included in your packet.

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 180.008, the City of Levelland is hereby requesting the support and endorsement of City Council for this paid quarantine leave policy

for fire fighters and peace officers who are employed by, appointed by, or elected to the city and ordered to quarantine or isolate due to a possible or known exposure to a communicable disease while on duty. Implementation would follow immediately if endorsed by Council.

Motion by Mary Engledow

Seconded by Michael Stueart

To approve endorsing the amendment to the City of Levelland policy handbook by adding Section 6.11 Paid Quarantine Leave Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Hold a public hearing regarding a substandard structure located at 308 Oak St, Levelland, TX 79336; SEVENTH (LEV), BLOCK 207, LOT 4, MH SERIAL# FT10489E, MH TITLE# 362410, MH LABEL# DLS0084358.

In June of 2017, Council adopted an ordinance which revised the housing standards ordinance addressing the abatement, repair, and demolition of substandard structures that are declared a public nuisance. The revisions were necessary as a result of changes in legislation as well as recent court cases.

With the new ordinance in place the Levelland Housing Standards Commission recently met and considered action on 3 structures that have been identified as substandard by the Building Inspections Department. These structures are located at 308 Oak St., 515 W Jefferson, & 1809 10th St. The property owners have been contacted with the appropriate notices by certified mail, by notices placed on the structures, and by notices filed in the Hockley County Real Property Records. The Levelland Housing Standards Commission voted to recommend to the Council to order the demolition of the substandard structure.

In order to take the next step a second public hearing is required before the City Council. After the conclusion of the public hearing Council can then take action on the recommendation from the Housing Standards Commission.

It is the recommendation of the Housing Standards Commission and City staff that Council vote to order the abatement of the substandard structures. Once the order is issued to the property owners, they will have 30 days to demolish the structures. If they do not, then the City will step in and demolish the structures and assess the charges for to the property owner for doing so.

Mayor Pro Tem Buxkemper opened the Public Hearing at 7:07pm. Mayor Pro Tem Buxkemper closed the Public Hearing at 7:08pm.

FOURTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action and issue any necessary order to abate, repair, secure or demolish regarding substandard structure located at 308 Oak St, Levelland, TX 79336; SEVENTH (LEV), BLOCK 207, LOT 4, MH SERIAL# FT10489E, MH TITLE# 362410, MH LABEL# DLS0084358.

Information was presented under Item #3.

Motion by Mary Engledow

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To issue order to demolish substandard structure located at 308 Oak St, Levelland, TX 79336; SEVENTH (LEV), BLOCK 207, LOT 4, MH SERIAL# FT10489E, MH TITLE# 362410, MH LABEL# DLS0084358.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIFTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Hold a public hearing regarding a substandard structure located at 515 W Jefferson, Levelland, TX 79336; NORTHSIDE II (LEV), BLOCK 2, LOT 27.

Information was presented under Item #3.

Mayor Pro Tem Buxkemper opened the Public Hearing at 7:13pm. Mayor Pro Tem Buxkemper closed the Public Hearing at 7:14pm.

SIXTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action and issue any necessary order to abate, repair, secure or demolish regarding substandard structure located at 515 W Jefferson, Levelland, TX 79336; NORTHSIDE II (LEV), BLOCK

Information was presented under Item #3.

Motion by Michael Stueart

Seconded by Mary Engledow

To issue order to demolish substandard structure located at 515 W Jefferson, Levelland, TX 79336; NORTHSIDE II (LEV), BLOCK

Motion carried unanimously.

SEVENTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Hold a public hearing regarding a substandard structure located at 1809 10th St., Levelland, TX 79336; TRAMEL I (LEV), BLOCK 2, LOT 10.

Information was presented under Item #3.

Mayor Pro Tem Buxkemper opened the Public Hearing at 7:21pm. Mayor Pro Tem Buxkemper closed the Public Hearing at 7:22pm.

EIGHTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Consider and take necessary action and issue any necessary order to abate, repair, secure or demolish regarding substandard structure located at 1809 10th St., Levelland, TX 79336; TRAMEL I (LEV), BLOCK 2, LOT 10.

Information was presented under Item #3.

Motion by Mary Engledow

Seconded by Jim Myatt

To issue order to demolish substandard structure located at 1809 10th St., Levelland, TX 79336; TRAMEL I (LEV), BLOCK 2, LOT 10.

Motion carried unanimously.

NINTH ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Hold a budget work session for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget.

City Manager Brandon Anderson reviewed the draft budget and answered questions posed by Council members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andréa Corley, TRMC
City Secretary

Barbra Pinner, Mayor