

## OTTUMWA BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

MEETING NO. 2  
 Bridge View Center, 102 Church St.

May 7, 2024  
 5:30 O'clock P.M.

The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Bossou, Hoffman, Caviness, Galloway, McAntire and Mayor Johnson.

- Approval of Minutes 1. Galloway moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve mins. from Mtg. No. 1 on March 5, 2024 as presented. All ayes.
- 538 Summit 2. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 538 Summit in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Comm. Dev. Dir. Simonson reported structure was placarded Dec. 29, 2022 due to poor living conditions and life safety concerns. No attempt to repair or repair plan with continued deterioration of structure. Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman to close public hearing. All ayes.
- Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn structures located at 538 Summit, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. All ayes.
- 932 W. Third 3. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 932 W. Third in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Simonson reported structure was placarded June 17, 2022, due to dilapidation and abandonment. No attempts to repair property; multiple missed appointments with City staff; and no current repair plan on file. Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman to close public hearing. All ayes.
- Hoffman moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn structures located at 932 W. Third, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. All ayes.
- 606 Spring St. 4. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 606 Spring St. in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Simonson reported structure was placarded Aug. 17, 2023 due to poor living conditions, lack of utilities and life safety concerns. Extensive clean-up was done on the exterior of the property by City staff. No attempts to repair; missed appointments with staff and no repair plan on file. Caviness moved, seconded by Bossou to close public hearing. All ayes.
- Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman to condemn structures located at 606 Spring St., order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all

costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. All ayes.

- 2721 Branham 5. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 2721 Branham in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Simonson reported structure was placarded Sept. 19, 2023 due to poor living conditions, lack of utilities and dilapidation. During an extensive cleanup, 5 occupied motorhomes, over 10 junk motor vehicles and 43,000 pounds of debris were removed. Both police and fire have rec'd many calls from residents in the neighborhood. Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman to close public hearing. All ayes.

Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn the structures located at 2721 Branham, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. All ayes.

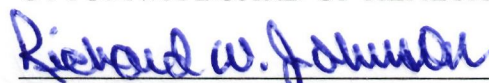
- 506 Clinton 6. This was the time, place and date set to consider condemnation of the structures located at 506 Clinton, in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, IA. Simonson reported structure was placarded Aug. 9, 2022 due to poor living conditions, lack of utilities, and dilapidation. This property has been on lists since 2015. There have been 18 police calls in the last yr. resulting in 15 arrests. Any attempt at repairs have been minimal and done in poor craftsmanship. No current repair plan on file. Isiah Hutchinson, owner of property, requested to speak. Requesting more time to repair; communication is not great from the dept.; I've been to the city office a few times to try and renew permission and left my information at the desk, but never receive a return call. Simonson responded; not much confidence in the property being in a position to be rehabilitated. Much discussion was had by council, staff and property owner. Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman to close public hearing. All ayes.

Caviness moved, seconded by McAntire to condemn the structures located at 506 Clinton, order prompt demolition, removal and leveling of the lot and direct all costs attendant to such actions, including admin. costs, to be assessed against the property and/or collected from the owner or owners thereof. Motion carried 4-1. Ayes: Hoffman, Caviness, Galloway, McAntire. Nays: Bossou.

- Adjourn 7. There being no further business, Caviness moved, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn. All ayes.

Adjournment was at 6:04 P.M.

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Richard W. Johnson, Mayor and Chairman

ATTEST:

*Christina Reinhard*  
Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

