
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Nuisance property acquisition – South Johnson



Background Summary:

One of the properties on the nuisance property priority list is located at 607 South Johnson Street. The city has sought to abate the nuisance(s) at this property for a few years now. The structure itself is in very poor condition and needs to be demolished. The owner of the property lives on an adjacent lot but has not followed through on any abatement on the property.

Due to no action the city moved forward with filing in court to acquire the property via the 657A Abandoned Property statute. City would then demolish the structure. The lot is big enough that it could be built on again with a new residential structure.

This was set to go to trial last summer 2020 but was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have been trying to work out a plan to acquire the property and/or trade for another property as the owner owns another nuisance property in town, but those discussions have not gotten us anywhere.

At the court hearing on April 1st will look to obtain title. If a settlement for acquisition does come about in the last hours, we wanted you to be aware of the situation.

607 S. JOHNSON



Issues/Concerns:

- Roof and porch in poor condition
- Proximity to surrounding residential and public areas
- Condition has progressively declined

Possible Solution:

- Offer to have City abate; property trade
- Acquire Lot, demo and infill