

Village of Napoleonville
Minutes of Special Council Meeting
January 23, 2023

The Village of Napoleonville held a Special Council Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023, at the Administration Building Meeting Chamber. The session was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Ron Animashaun, the Clerk being present.

Present: Mayor Ron Animashaun, Alderwoman Kia Converse, Alderwoman Velma Jupiter and Alderwoman April Williams. A quorum to conduct business was declared present by Mayor Animashaun.

Public Comments Open

Alderwoman Converse motioned, Alderwoman Jupiter second “THAT” the Board open a public comment session. Upon a unanimous consent by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried and the public comment session was opened.

Unfinished Business- Derelict Structures & Ordinance Violations

The clerk addressed the Mayor and Board with a status on each ordinance violation, derelict structure and the progress that the property owner(s) have made according to the Village’s Ordinance Chapter 11 Condemnation of Dangerous Structures by Village.

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Converse, that the Board request the property owner of 202 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr attend the meeting on April 24, 2023 to give a status update on the sale or repair of the property. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the Board allow the property owner of 201 Franklin St. to complete the repairs by February 28, 2023 and to attend the meeting on April 24, 2023 to give a status update on the property. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams that the Board accept the recommendation of the mayor to refer the property located at 207 Franklin St. as a blighted property to ordinance violations court. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Converse, that the Board accept the recommendation of the mayor to refer the property located at 617 Congress St. as a blighted property to ordinance violations court. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Jupiter motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Converse, that the Board accept the recommendation of the mayor to refer the property located at 512 Congress St. as a blighted property to ordinance violations court. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Jupiter, that the Board accept the recommendation of the mayor to refer the property located at 414 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. as a blighted property to ordinance violations court. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Animashaun declared the motion carried.

Mayor Animashaun recused himself at 6:33 pm from the discussion of the property at 401 Congress St. due to a conflict of interest. Alderwoman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderwoman Williams, that the owner be given ten days or until February 2, 2023 to remove the stairs from the structure that is covering the APWW main water line valve. If the stairs are not removed by the deadline, then the property is to be referred to ordinance violations court. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter declared the motion carried.

Alderman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderman Williams, that the Board allow the property owner of 170 Highway 401 to attend the meeting on April 24, 2023 to give a status update on the property clean-up. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter declared the motion carried.

Alderman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderman Williams, that the Board allow the property owner of 313 Canal St, sixty days to demolish and clean-up the burned blighted property and to attend the meeting on April 24, 2023 to give a status update. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter declared the motion carried.

Alderman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderman Williams, that the Board send the owner of 310 S. College St, sixty days to clean-up and remove all junk/debris from the property and to attend the meeting on April 24, 2023 to give a status update. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter declared the motion carried.

Alderman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderman Williams, that the Board amend the decision for 207 Franklin St, to allow the property owner sixty days to make the exterior of the property safe and secure by repairing the broken windows, remove the plywood covering and replace the exterior doors, removing the fan on the pole and to attend the meeting on April 24, 2023 to give a status update. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter declared the motion carried.

New Business- Structural Analysis Review

Alderman Converse motioned, seconded by Alderman Williams, that the Board accept the recommendations of the Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter to request that the property owners of 305 Jefferson St, and 413 Philosopher St. be asked to attend the April 24, 2023 meeting to review the structural analysis and to discuss the property ordinance violations. Upon a unanimous agreement by the Board, Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter declared the motion carried.

Alderman Converse motioned and Alderman Williams second, “THAT” the public comments session be closed. The Board unanimously agreed and Mayor Pro Tem Jupiter declared the motion carried.

Adjournment: Upon unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Ron Animashaun, Mayor

Meshawn Arcenau, Clerk