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SPECIAL MEETING

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The La Cygne City Council met on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at the La Cygne City Hall. Council Members present were: Thomas Capp; Jerome Mitzner; and David Brenneman.

Others in attendance included, but not limited to: City Clerk (CC) Jodi Wade; Codes Officer Allison Fox

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER 12:00 P.M.)

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order.

402 S. BROADWAY -

Codes Officer (CO) Fox spoke to the property owner of 402 S. Broadway almost a year ago regarding the condition of the home after a tree limb had fallen on a portion of the home. CO Fox presented a timeline of the events and conversations which have taken place with the owner during the past months and just as recent as last week. CO Fox showed current photos of the house taken last night and this morning. Discussion was held by the council regarding the public safety hazards created by the current conditions of the home. Council Member Mitzner expressed concern with the accessibility in to the home which had been displayed in the photos taken showing graffiti on the walls. Council Member Capp explained the concern of damage to the electric wires/pole, gas risers and remainder of the house if things continue to fall.

City Attorney Harding informed the council of their responsibility to make sure the home was not reasonably accessible to people if it was not removed which would include; boarding up windows, shoring up walls, snow fencing, padlocks on all doors, etc. Council Member Capp asked the attorney if he would need to recuse himself from voting since he is a neighbor to 402 S. Broadway.

CO Fox advised the Council she had been preparing the documents to present at the next Council meeting for the condemnation process for this home. Council members evaluated the costs involved with making the home inaccessible and safe for the public.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Mitzner made motion that the governing body finds the home located at 402 S. Broadway an immediate hazard and are directing Codes Officer Fox to proceed with immediate removal of the danger and to make the lot safe without delay. Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 2-(1 Abstain)-0 (Council Member Capp abstained and therefore his vote would go with the majority).

402 S. BROADWAY SEALED DEMOLITION BID -

Jim Thompson, Double Eagle Excavating, was present at the meeting and presented a sealed bid to Mayor Wilson. Mayor Wilson opened the bid and read it aloud to the council. Total amount of the bid was \$16,400 for the removal of the home, stone, brick, front porch, piers, foundation, fill in the well. The bid does not include the dumping fees for the landfill. Discussion was held regarding the process for application to have the dumping fee waived by the Linn County Commissioners. CC Wade normally submits an application to be reviewed by the commissioners at their Monday meetings.

❖ **Motion**

Council Member Mitzner motioned to accept the bid from Double Eagle Excavation in the amount of \$16,400 with the condition that the dump fees are billed to the City of La Cygne and the city will pursue the dumping fee waiver application from the county. Motion seconded by Council Member Brenneman, voted on, passed 3-0.

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❖ **Motion**

Council Member Mitzner moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Capp, voted on, passed 3-0. Time 12:38 p.m.

I, _____ La Cygne City Clerk, do hereby declare
(Jodi Wade) the above to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name on this 30th day of August, 2022.