

Minutes of

Cresson City Council Workshop

The meeting will be held at Cresson City Hall, 8901 Hwy 377, Cresson, Texas

August 24, 2021

Mayor Conway called the City Council Workshop to order at 5:00 P.M. August 24, 2021, at the City of Cresson Council Chambers. Attendance as follows:

Mayor Teena Conway	Ron Becker	Kenneth Benzenhoefer
Lisa Clement	Pam Manley	Warren McKamey

13 citizens were also present

Councilperson Becker gave the invocation. Councilperson Manley led the U.S. Pledge and the Texas Pledge with the assistance of citizen Knox Bridges.

Meeting was opened to the public.

Workshop Agenda:


- A. **Update on 9508 Lancaster:** The property has been purchased and demolition has begun. Hats off to Alan Richbough and family for driving the effort.
- B. **Identify areas of concern:** Multiple properties, both residential and commercial, were identified including areas in Scenic Ridge, Bluebonnet Hills, and Cresson Proper. These properties will be contacted by the city to encourage clean up.
- C. **Slideshow of properties of concern:** Showed photos several sites that require cleanup.
- D. **Review current ordinance:** Read and discussed the Nuisance Ordinance 2020-008.
- E. **Discussion of current ordinance:** In our current Ordinance 2020-008 (the Nuisance Ordinance) Section 10: Substandard Structures 'Allowing any structure to exist and be maintained in conditions that are in violation of the City of Cresson Subdivision and / or Building Code of Ordinances is a violation of this ordinance. For the purposes of this Section, structure shall be held to the standard of their Subdivision & Building Code as they existed at the time the Structure was completed; provided however, any improvement, update or expansion to an existing structure shall be subject to the standards of the Subdivision & Building Code adopted at the time the improvement occurs.'
- F. **Consider and discuss communication and enforcement of either existing ordinance or proposed ordinances:** Several challenges in reaching out to owners that may have abandoned homes, some owners are already working on their situations or committed to working. This could result in citations and could be delivered by Shared Hood County Sheriff. There may be an option that allows the City to purchase such properties and attempt to clean up then sell with billing process that is required by the state. It was suggested to put a small amount of funding in the FY 21-22 budget to allow for some work to be done in clean up effort. In addition, discussion included the following: Use of American Relief Act funds (not permitted); Selling of BBH property could be the City's seed money; Citizen's having difficulty bringing items to Cresson Clean Up date; Possibility of using an approved

house for burn training by the CVFD (a lengthy TCEQ approval process); Applying liens on properties (expensive); Incentive program for citizen's to clean up their properties, Discussion asking the citizen's in attendance if they want to keep pushing forward for clean-up-overwhelming response of yes; Pick out 2 or 3 offenders per year and concentrate our clean up efforts; Certain things the City is not allowed to do but every attempt to direct folks to the right resources; it is not the City's goal to issue fines, but rather to assist in ideas around clean up.

Adjourn:

Meeting is adjourned at 6:20 P.M.


Teena Conway, Mayor


Katy Floyd, City Secretary