

JULY 12, 2022, MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF NITRO LAND REUSE AUTHORITY

The meeting was called to order by President Boggs at 4:01 pm. In attendance were Boggs, Sanders, Montgomery, Dawson, Casebolt and Director Reed. Matt Shelton, S&S Engineering was present to discuss a project. The meeting was attended by one member of the public. The previous meetings (June 2022) minutes were reviewed and passed unanimously. VP Sanders questioned why the City would wait until January 2023 to pay the 2nd and final payment of \$77,500 was due for the purchase of the Peyton property. The balloon payment is due in January 2023. The Mayor suggested that the City should just make that payment, in lieu of transferring the funds around. The council voted to pay the first installment, which the LRA paid and no funds were transferred from the City to the LRA. The financials were approved unanimously.

Old Business

The LRA was preapproved for up to \$350,000 in demolition funds from the DEP REAP program that was sponsored by the State Auditor's Office and local municipalities. The City was selected in the pilot program based on our shovel ready demolition projects. This award will directly impact the budget to afford more acquisition, abatement and demolition of blighted properties around the city. There is a pre-award meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 13 at the DEP office in Charleston. Director Reed will attend the meeting and report back to the board.

New Business

Matt Shelton, S&S Engineer, attended the meeting to discuss the preliminary design he prepared at the request of the board. He presented 3 options for the potential closure at 24th St. 1-cul-de-sac, which is not the best option due to the amount of space that the turn around space takes up on the development property. 2-T-shaped turn around at the end of the street, which would be less space and efficient. 3-One way alley that runs to 25th St for local traffic only. The board is going to think about the options and the best choice while the Director will begin the process of petitioning to close and abandon the street to the LRA.

Executive Session

The board discussed multiple opportunities to purchase property and ultimately decided to make an offer on two properties, for an amount disclosed in Executive Session. The board also approved the purchase of 3210 32nd St. The purchase agreement will be sent to the closing attorney to proceed.

Notes

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:11 pm.