



Common Council Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request to Begin the Rock County Circuit Court Abatement Process for the Property Located at 926 Nelson Avenue

Meeting Date: September 6, 2022

Presenter: Al Hulick, City Administrator

Department: City Administration

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

- Affordability & Financial Stability
- Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
- Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
- High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
- Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

The property located at 926 Nelson Avenue has remained non-compliant with minimum property maintenance codes after notices and citations have been issued. Staff is requesting the Rock County Circuit Court is utilized for additional action.

Analysis and Key Issues

For the past nine years, City Staff has received numerous complaints regarding the condition of the property located at 926 Nelson Avenue. These complaints include maintaining tall grass and weeds, hazardous trees, adequate weatherproofing, and an unsafe structure on the parcel.

The property owner was issued a citation for public nuisance in violation of Section 26-32 on March 28, 2022. The owner requested a continuance from the court to allow property repairs to be completed by August 15. As of August 31, no work has been completed and the property remains non-complaint with the ordinance.

Staff is recommending the Common Council elevating the issue to the Rock County Circuit court to initiate the abatement process by declaring the property a public nuisance in accordance with Section 26-35 and Section 26-36 of the Code of Ordinances.

Fiscal Impact

The City will incur legal fees during the abatement process in Rock County Circuit Court.

Recommended Motion

Staff recommends the Common Council authorize Attorney Schroeder to begin the nuisance abatement proceedings for 926 Nelson Street.



Attachments

- Code Enforcement Officer Blaine Larson Property Report
- Code Violation Letters
- Property Pictures