

Open Work Session
Cottage at Adkins Mill Park
August 7, 2018

Mr. Wayne Strausburg, Director of Administration, came before Council, and said he believes Council already has some background information on this item. He said this is the cottage at Adkins Mill Park that has been rented out for quite some time. He said the tenant who has been there is moving out, or has moved out. He said Administration had Mark Rickards from Parks and Recreation take a look at the home, and they had Pate Matthews take a look at the home, and it is in very poor condition. He said the County would take on significant liability if they tried to rent it to another tenant without making the appropriate repairs, and the value of the home just does not warrant those repairs. He said it has been recommended to Administration by both Mr. Rickards and Mr. Matthews they demolish the home. He said, however, since then, Mr. Joe Holloway has had a discussion with Executive Culver and suggested the County may be able to sell the home to someone who may want to relocate it to another lot, which would be perfectly fine with Administration. He said the Administration would really like to see the County get out of the residential rental business, and this is just one more of those properties that has deteriorated and really is not inhabitable right now without substantial renovations, so they would like Council's permission to declare it surplus, and either demolish it or sell it.

Mr. Joe Holloway said he made that recommendation because the house has a little bit of history, and he thinks it was a store at one time. He explained, when the County goes and tear something down, such as what happened at Pemberton, everybody gets mad. He said, if they give the community an opportunity to buy it and move it if they want, they would have that opportunity. He said he thinks the County would save a little grief by going in that direction, but there may not be anybody who wants it.

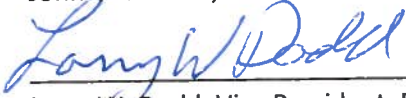
Mr. Marc Kilmer asked if the County would just advertise it, to which Mr. Strausburg responded, yes. He said they would declare it surplus, and they can advertise it for a period of time. He said, if they find a buyer, they find a buyer, and if not, he will come back and talk to Council again and demolish it. He said they just need to chart out a course with it because it is just going to deteriorate further and become a real liability for the County. Mr. Joe Holloway said it would be better to start the process before the winter.

Mr. Hall asked if the tenant was doing some maintenance at the park, to which Mr. Strausburg responded, he thinks the tenant was acting as an on-site overseer making sure nothing was going on at the park that ought not be going on. Mr. Hall asked if that was done as a courtesy, to which Mr. Strausburg responded, yes, that was a courtesy.

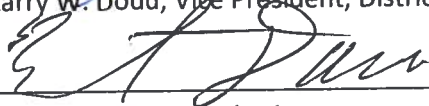
Mr. Cannon asked if the tenant was leasing the property, to which Mr. Strausburg responded, he was renting it. Mr. Cannon asked what he was renting it for, to which Mr. Strausburg responded, he does not know, but it was not a whole lot of money. Mr. Joe Holloway said it is not much of a house. Mr. Strausburg said he forgets what the rent was, but it was not a whole lot. Mr. Cannon asked if the County just did not do any upkeep over the last ten years because it sounds like nobody even went out there, to which Mr. Strausburg responded, the tenant was living there. Mr. Joe Holloway said the County remodeled the inside completely about seven or eight years ago with drywall and everything. Mr. Strausburg said it had been redone by the time he started with the County. He said it was inhabited, and he does not know why it fell into the state of disrepair it did, but it did. Mr. Cannon asked if Mr.

Strausburg wants to tear it down, to which Mr. Strausburg responded, either tear it down or sell it. Mr. Cannon said it looks like there are not any other options. There was no further discussion.

John T. Cannon, President



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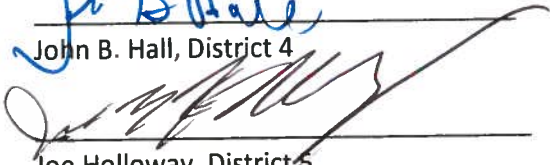
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