

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
November 7, 2016  
Condemnation Hearing  
1200 West Elm, 308 South Vermont, 217 South Washington

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas, met November 7, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, presided over by Mayor W.E. Schaiff. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, Ron Johnson, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Grant Spieth. Member absent: Alvin Patterson.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Condemnation Hearing –1200 West Elm**

Mayor W.E. Schaiff opened the condemnation hearing at 6:45 P.M.:

*Whereas, the Enforcing Officer of the City of Columbus, Kansas, did on the 15th day of August, 2016, report his findings and file with the Governing Body of said City, a statement that the structures, hereinafter described, are unsafe and dangerous. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Columbus, Kansas:*

*That a hearing will be held on the 7th day of November, 2016, before the Governing Body of the City at 6:45 p.m., at Columbus City Hall Council Chambers, 300 East Maple, Columbus, Kansas 66725, at which the owner, his or her agent, any lien holders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the single story white garage structure located at:*

*1200 West Elm Street, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, described as:  
Columbus Lash Addition, Block 4, Lots 1-2.*

*may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned as an unsafe and dangerous structure and ordered repaired or demolished and the debris removed.*

Mayor Schaiff asked if there was anyone who would like to speak regarding this property. Police Chief Jason Daniels informed the council he was contacted October 3, 2016 by the owner. The structure has been demolished and the debris removed.

Mayor Schaiff announced the next property to be considered is single-story, garage structure located at:

*308 South Vermont, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, described as:  
Columbus First Addition, Block 6, Lot 22.*

Schaiff called for any public comment. Police Chief Daniels stated he was contacted by the owner on October 11, 2016 and this structure has been taken down and the property cleaned up.

Mayor Schaiff stated the last property to be reviewed is the single-story brick garage structure located at:

*217 South Washington, Columbus, Cherokee County, Kansas, described as:  
Columbus High School Addition, Block 10, Lot Block Info5; S29 LT 4.*

Schaiff asked if anyone was present who would like to address the council. Lonnie Hodge came forward and informed the council he has plans to repair the house and the garage. Truck repairs and financial constraints have held him back. Mr. Hodge would like extension to make repairs.

**EXTENSION – 217 SOUTH WASHINGTON**

Burton moved to allow three month extension to February 6, 2017, for 217 South Washington to allow for repairs to the garage. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

Update will be provided at February 6, 2017 council meeting.

City Attorney Barbara Wright stated a review of 521 North Indiana is due tonight. No one was in the audience to represent this property. Police Chief Daniels offered this dwelling has already been awarded two extensions. Daniels stated the yard has been cleaned up somewhat but the structure itself is in the same condition when the process started.

**PROCEED WITH DEMOLITION – 521 NORTH INDIANA**

Opela moved to proceed with condemnation of property at 521 North Indiana. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 9-0.

Attorney Wright stated she will have a resolution ready for the next council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Burton moved to close the condemnation hearing at 6:53 p.m. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Johnson, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

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*Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk*