

Community Betterment Committee  
August 8, 2016

Present: Committee Members Buxton, LeJeune, and Sovinski; Council Members Fleck and Scott; Mayor Hazel; Law Director Moore; Safety-Service Director Hitchcock; Auditor Strawn.

CM Buxton called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm for discussion of the sale of the Hierholzer Street property (south side).

Director Hitchcock reported the sale was advertised for bid twice at the \$37,500 minimum bid. There were no bids submitted. There was interest in the north side property, but not this south side. It is believed with the mobile home park in the back yard, no one wants to build on this lot at this price. The police department has not had any problems with other homes abutting the mobile home park in the area.

CM Sovinski stated a single family home will most likely not be built, instead a multi-family complex.

CM Scott suggested splitting the lot into three sections would make it easier to sell at \$11,000 per lot. CM Sovinski stated by splitting it, there would be no subdivision process necessary by a developer. Director Hitchcock stated the appraised value of the entire lot shows \$12,600 on the County Auditor website.

CM LeJeune suggested keeping all the lots together and lowering the minimum price to \$29,000.

CM Sovinski recommended getting advice from a realtor on the value and if it would be easier to sell as one lot or split.

Director Hitchcock suggested the bid be put out with an option to buy the entire lot or as single lots. CM LeJeune made the recommendation to present an Ordinance to advertise with an option of a \$29,000 minimum bid for the entire lot or \$10,000 minimum bid per split lot, seconded by CM Sovinski. A bidder for the entire lot will have priority over split lot bids.

CM Buxton adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council