

CITY WEED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 8th, 2023

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Bares called the meeting to order at 8:53 am.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairman Larry Bares, Vice Chair Pat Bren, Shawn Soehren, Trevor Ernst

ABSENT: Bruce Burke

STAFF: Building Official Leonard Schwindt

IV. STANDARD MOTIONS

MINUTES:

Minutes- Minutes for June 13th, 2022 Submitted for approval.

To approve the June 13th, 2022 meeting minutes.

MOTION BY: Shawn Soehren **SECOND:** Pat Bren

DISPOSITION: Motion carried unanimously.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

1. 2022 Noxious Weed Report and Presentation

Code enforcement Officer Tiffany Johnson presents the annual weed report for 2022. Ms. Johnson explains in 2022 there was 595 properties in violation for grass with 293 of those properties included some with noxious weeds. Ms. Johnson explains that they had their contractors out 55 times during the summer. Ms. Johnson states that the numbers are down from last year and hopefully the numbers continue to go down. Board member Pat Bren asks how many people it was. Ms. Johnson explains that it was her and one seasonal code enforcement officer. Ms. Johnson explains that the contractors have their contracts and they are getting their information lined up and should be returned soon. Chairman Larry Bares asks if they find that the contractor take care of the problem if it is better or if the home owner does it. Ms. Johnson explains that home owners are pretty good and get it taken care of. Mr. Bren asks what is the biggest issue they find is. Ms. Johnson explains that the empty lots are their biggest issues. Board member Trevor Ernst asks if there is a specific date they send letters, or if it would be helpful to post something about the dates

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that they will start looking. Ms. Johnson explains they typically start noticing from May to late August. Mr. Ernst asks if the city published a date and if that would be helpful. Ms. Johnson explains the city can look into it and could post something on the website and Facebook page. Building Official Leonard Schwindt explains Ms. Johnson does a pretty awesome job and has everything under control. Board member Shawn Soehren asks what types of issue could come before the Board. Mr. Schwindt explains this would be about all they would see, but the city does have licensed contractors. Mr. Bares asks if Ms. Johnson is certified to spray pesticides. Ms. Johnson confirms that she is licensed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

MOTION BY: Trevor Ernst **SECOND:** Pat Bren
DISPOSITION: Roll call vote... Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 1
Motion declared duly passed.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Larry Bares called the meeting to a close; meeting adjourned at 9:02 am.

PREPARED BY:

Hailey M Richter

APPROVED BY:

Leonard W. Schwindt