

**Property Committee Meeting
February 6, 2020**

Present: Councilor Michael V. Frett (Chair); Councilor Maureen Aucoin;
Councilor Diano Circo; Public Works Manager, Chris Buck;
City Treasurer, Dawna Myrick; Wendy Lord-Buck

AGENDA:

Item#1. City acquired foreclosure property:

A. The Committee reviewed two properties, which have come into the City's possession through it's foreclosure process. The first property, 322 Water Street, has been in tax arrears for several years and the City Treasurer, Dawna Myrick, states the heirs to the property have no interest in reclaiming it. All legal notice requirements have been complied with and as such, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the City Manager be directed to dispose of the property via sealed bidding.

B. The second property, located at 220 Central Street, is owned by Wendy Lord-Buck. Ms. Lord-Buck appeared before the Committee and in discussion with its members, presented a credible explanation for her failure to pay property taxes when due. In addition, Ms. Lord-Buck indicated that she is presently in a position to pay all owed taxes, plus costs, and therefore requests that the Committee recommend to the City Council that she be provided an opportunity to buy back the property. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council, direct the City Manager and City Treasurer, to execute a sale to the previous owner of property located at 220 Central Street, which was acquired by foreclosure due to unpaid taxes, following the City's Ordinances and Policies on Tax Acquired Properties.

Item#2. Tank & Culvert Property Update:

The Committee reviewed the Structural Condition Assessment report, submitted by Kleinfelder, following its inspection of the building, located on the tank and culvert property at 114 Central Street. This property has been identified by the City's Public Works Manager, Chris Buck, as a possible site for relocating the City's Public Works operation. As this was the Committee's second review of materials relevant to this proposal, it was concluded that before any structural designs or development ideas could be considered, the City should next determine what the property is worth. Consequently, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend, that the City Council direct the City Manager to move forward with obtaining an appraisal of the tank and culvert and Public Works building properties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael V. Frett, Chair