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The Zoning department continues to issue building permits, mowing notices, junk and debris notices, ordinance violations, rental inspections, solar panels and follows up on all open projects.

GRANTS

At the present the city has a list of additional houses for demolition.

The application for round 2 of Strong Communities Program (S.C.P.) with a submitted and we are awaiting an award amount to proceed with demolitions 2023-March 2025.

OPEN PROJECTS

Monmouth College: Stockdale Student Center: Renovations continue throughout the building.

Monmouth Community Childcare: 120 South Sunny Lane, completed inspections but awaiting bollard placement at gas meter and ADA parking for final and Occupancy.

Dollar General: 1105 West Broadway, New store footings, slab and steel structure completed, and interior walls insulated and covered as well as additional separation walls and rough in started for doorways and electrical.

JUNK & DEBRIS & MOWING NOTICES

Per the request of the city council, we have started tracking notices to ensure that this department is accountable and justified in responses to enquires, that notices have been sent out and there is a follow up.

Unfortunately, these numbers do not reflect daily phone conversation or interactions with citizens throughout the City where a notice has not been sent out and present condition or concern, weather junk or mowing is resolved saving postage and additional follow-up.

As has been stated before the process that must be followed by an ordinance and judicial system in place:

They must receive a notice certified and delivered by the police department and once delivered they have 5 days to clean up or mow. If a mowing notice ordinance reads 12” tall before a notice can be sent and knowing the turn around time for a notice, a phone call or interaction with the owner tends to get results sooner than later unless an abandoned property or lot is in question.

As a last resort on mowing once the yard is more than 12” we will have the city mow or subcontract a third party and put a lien on the property at the end of the season which are normally the abandoned houses or lots, and all others are invoiced monthly.

Please see the notice numbers for the month of July below.

Junk and Debris Notices Issued - 12
Pending Notices - 5
Resolved Notices - 7
Tickets Issued - 0

Grass and Weeds Notices Issued - 9
Pending Notices - 5
Resolved Notices – 6

Nuisance Notices Issued - 3
Pending Notices – 1
Resolved Notices - 2

PLAN COMMISSION

Also, in the Month of July the Plan Commission held a meeting for a zoning district change from R-2 to B-2 to build a 30’ X 80’ steel building to house a retail 2nd hand store at 223 South “G” Street pending and contingent on financing and final approval of city council.

At this present time funding was unable to be secured and there will be no need to pursue a zoning district change.

The applicants hope is to find outside resources to fund and support this endeavor at which time they will submit a new application.

Respectfully,

Director of Zoning