

City council takes action to remedy condition of homes

Two residential properties in the city are in bad need of repair.

Because the condition of the properties could pose a safety threat to residents, the Gothenburg City Council declared both to be unsafe buildings and decided to remedy their condition.

The decision was made at the council's Feb. 19 meeting.

Council members heard that the first property, known as the Jean Waller residence at 1804 Ave. C., has mold and broken-out windows, according to city administrator Bruce Clymer.

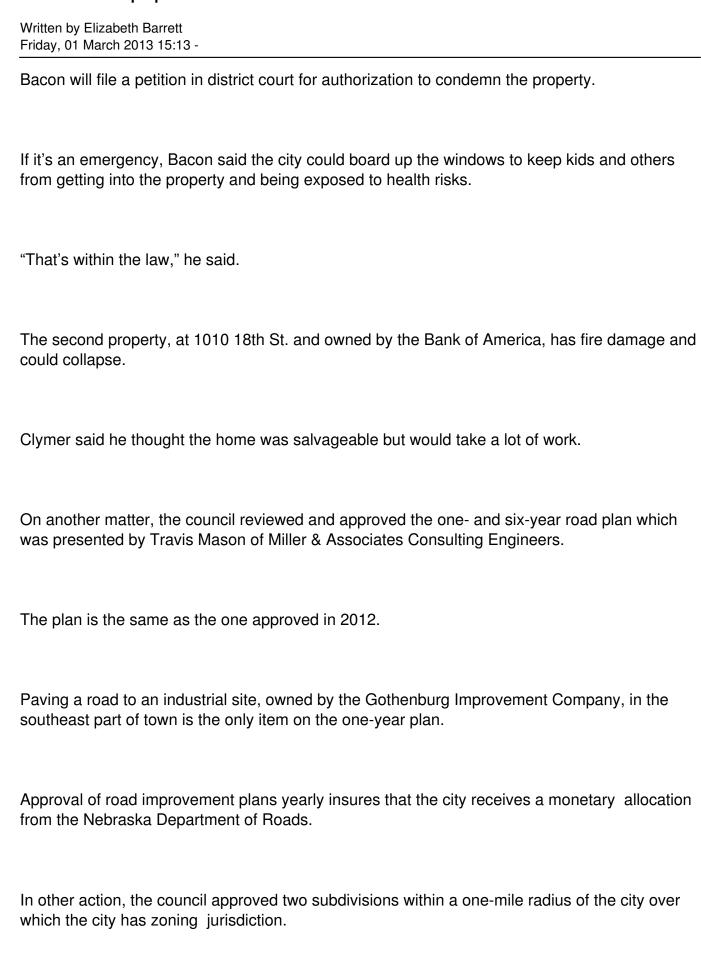
"The cost of repairs would exceed the cost of the structure," Clymer said.

Waller relatives were notified and asked to do something about the property with no response, he said.

City attorney Mike Bacon said the city could secure the premises, go to court to condemn the property, remove the buildings and bill the owners for costs.

If the bills are not paid, Bacon said the city can file a lien.

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