City Manager Report – September 3, 2019

City of Petersburg

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Upcoming Events

- Jazz in the Stacks: September 13th @ Petersburg Public Library - 6:30pm-8:30pm

- Sheriff Vanessa Crawford’s Re-Entry Forum: September 17th @ Good Shepherd Baptist Church –
  - Service Providers: 7:30am-9:45am
  - Program: 10:00am – 2:00pm
Public Works and Utilities

- **Wall repair at Poplar Lawn Creek**: Public Works and Utilities has contacted two City consultants for assessment proposals.

- **Kimley Horn Proposal** has come in at $19,750 and **Timmons Proposal** has come in at $14,800.
Plan of Action for 321 Grove Avenue:

• August 20, 2019 - Demand Letter Sent
• Week of September 2 - September 6, 2019 - Run the Advertisement
• October 7, 2019 - Order the Title
• October 2019 - File the Lawsuit
• Attachments included from Jason A. Dunn, PLC to further explain process
Generally speaking, we like to have 1-2 auctions per year.

Upon receipt of the title search to the property, the property is categorized as either a “Clean Title Litigation” or a “Clouded Title Litigation”.

Clean Title Litigation

Clean title litigation can take anywhere from 3-5 months to obtain court authorization for the sale of the property.

These properties do not have any breaks in the chain of title and do not require the use of a Guardian Ad Litem or require an Order of Publication, which increases the amount of litigation costs and can extend the length of litigation.

Clouded Title Litigation

Clouded title litigation can take anywhere from 3-7 months to obtain court authorization for sale of the property.

These properties include breaks in the chain of title, missing defendants, and parties unknown, including potentially unknown heirs at a law.

These properties require the Court’s appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem and an Order of Publication to be published in a newspaper of general circulation.
Step 1: Demand letters are sent to the property address and last known address of tax payer demanding payment of the delinquency.

Step 2: A legal advertisement is placed in a newspaper of general circulation within the venue, requiring the taxpayer to come forward within 30 days.

Step 3: Order Title Search

Step 4: File Complaint

Step 5: Upon completion of service, file a motion with the Court for Authorization of Sale of the property at public auction*.

Step 5: Set a hearing date for authorization

Step 7: Auction Day!

Step 8: Confirm property’s sale with the Court (this requires a hearing before the judge)

Step 9: Upon confirmation, draft deed to new owner

Step 10: Upon the recordation of the Deed, file a Final Decree removing any liens from the Property and removing the case from the Court’s docket

*Clouded title has two more steps which appoint a guardian ad litem and publish an order of publication.
GovDeals has assisted in selling $51,961 in City assets from 7/1/2019-8/20/2019
The largest maintenance project of the year, aerifying greens, has been completed.
Petersburg Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, September 11th

Union Train Station
103 River Street
2pm-7pm
Police Operation: No Guns, Safe Streets - 208 illegal guns have been removed from Petersburg streets in 2019