

Utility Review Board Hearing- July 19,2016

Account: **Heron Kuhn** **1428 Pennsylvania Ave.** **\$883.38**

Dispute: Mr. Kuhn is disputing the amount that is going to be placed as a lien on this property. He claims that the person, Jordon Leonard, who was living there were doing so illegally and did not have permission to have utilities on there. He also states that he lives in Nevada but had people here that would look after his property.

Decision: Mr. Kuhn received delinquent notices from the water department starting in early 2015 until the service was disconnected in March 2016. He also stated that he had people checking on the home during this time. If someone was there illegally he did nothing about it and ignored the water bills. The board decision is that the amount is owed.

Account: **Joann Davis** **1345 Wellesley Ave** **\$522.88**

Dispute: The property is owned by Mary Lou Davis, who is deceased. Joann is her daughter and lives next door. Joann states that she wants to pay the amount owed but just recently started a new job after being unemployed for a while. She would like to make payments on this until it is paid off.

Decision: The Board decided since Joann just started employment to allow Joann a payment arrangement of \$50.00 per month starting August 1, 2016 until the entire amount is paid.

Account: **William Sines** **1283 Sinclair Ave.** **\$160.12**

Dispute: The amount owed is from previous tenant, Jenna Pizzerferatto, who moved July 31, 2015. Mr. Sines is arguing that he never received notices about this bill until he received the Notice to Lien letter in the

mail. He is also feels that we do not disconnect for non-payment fast enough.

Decision: According to policy, landlords are responsible for unpaid water bills. Mr. Sines was mailed copies of the disconnect notices that were sent. The water dept. disconnected service at this address in June 2015. The tenants paid the amount owed and was reconnected on June 29, 2015. The account was finalized on July 31, 2015. The Board decided that this was enough to warrant the lien if amount is not paid.

Account: **Floyd Owens** **723 South St.** **\$886.85**

Dispute: Mr. Owens is upset that he has to pay previous tenants water bill. He He also stated that the tenants lived there for years without water, electric and gas. The charges are for sewage and garbage only.

Decision: Because Mr. Owen knew the tenants were living there without utilities and was not paying rent the amount will be placed as a lien on the property.

Account: **Dionne Jones** **316 N 6th St** **\$1170.17**

Dispute: Mr. Jones is disputing the entire amount owed. Mr. Jones purchased this property from Anthony Blancato in May, 2014. Mr. Jones has never occupied this home, he is remodeling it and stated that there was no water or electric at this property when he purchased it.

Decision: The water department was not notified of the sale so all water bills were mailed to Mr. Blancato. The service was disconnected in October, 2015 and Mr. Jones had no knowledge or used any of the water that was consumed. The Board decided that Mr. Jones is not responsible for the amount owed. It is the responsibility of the previous owner.

Account: Michael Ledyard 1407 Pennsylvania 1 &2F \$1730.40

Dispute: Mr.Ledyard feels that it should be the City's responsibility to collect this debt and he should not be made liable. He also claims that he was never contacted so he could let us in to disconnect for none payment.

Decision: Disconnect notices are sent to landlords as well as the tenants because it is policy that the landlords are responsible for tenants water bills. Mr. Ledyard agrees to work with the water dept. in the future to insure we have access to disconnect for non-payment in the future. The Board decided that Mr. Ledyard could pay \$1297.80 of the amount owed.