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Luling cracks down on building codes

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LULING – During Thursday's regular meeting of the Luling City Council, the board voted to demolish several abandoned and unsafe properties. The following properties previously deemed dangerous or substandard during the August, 2013 City Council meeting, were slated for demolition by the city: 419 E. Fannin St.; 210 San Marcos Hwy; and 317 Newton St.

The owners of the following homes were given 10 days to obtain any necessary permits, and 30 days to begin repairs to bring the property up to code: 420 E. Austin St. and 413 E. Fannin St.

All work must be completed within 180 days. If any one of these steps is missed, the property immediately reverts to the city for demolition.

The structures at 402 Goliad and Walnut were demolished by the owner.

During his report, Police Chief Sala gave a detailed breakdown of the "Racial Profiling Report for 2013". The board approved the report for filing with the state.

Chief Sala stated the department totaled another vehicle during the recent ice storm, bringing the count to two for the fiscal year to date.

The board also approved the following agenda items:

- Luling Area Chamber of Commerce Budget for 2014 Hotel/Motel tax proceeds. Additional proceeds will go toward the Luling Information Station.
- Ratification of the Airport Ground Lease Agreement for Skydive Midwest
- Luling Main Street's request to sell alcoholic beverages under a special permit for the Rajun' Cajun Festival.
- Adoption of a City Ordinance designating Lot Two (the parcel for the new La Quinta hotel) an addition to the City of Luling as a reinvestment zone.
- Budget Amendment for Budget FY 2013/2014
- Approved request from IESI for price increase. The increase was calculated at 28 cents.