

Englewood to tear down buildings for green space

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ENGLEWOOD — The city is spending \$120,000 to purchase two old buildings to demolish them and turn the ½-acre lot on Main Street (Ohio 48), just south of the dam, into a green space.

“This property has well out-lived its useful life expectancy,” William Singer, city director of community and economic development, wrote in a memo to the City Council.

The council voted unanimously Tuesday, Sept. 22, to direct the city manager to buy the property.

“The demolition costs will be covered by a \$62,000 Community Development Block Grant,” City Manager Eric Smith told the council. “It’s our chance to remove the worst eye-sore in Englewood.”

The property at 806 and 808 S. Main St. includes a tattoo parlor and a former machine shop. An environmental evaluation found the property clean of any contaminates, Smith said. Work could be completed as early as February.

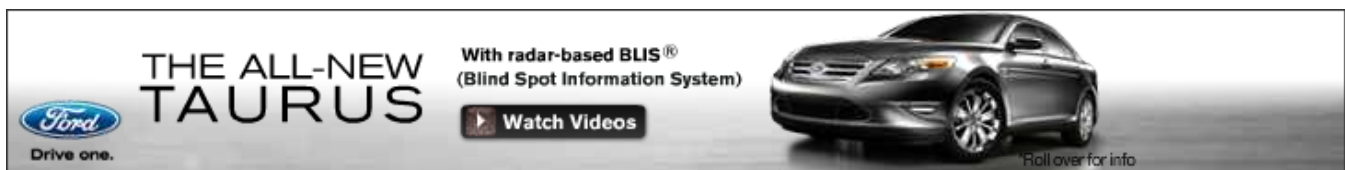
The city has bought up nearly a dozen properties along Main Street over the past several years to remove deteriorating structures. Smith said market conditions have been good for the city’s purchases. The current purchase was listed at \$240,000, but the city was able to negotiate the price down by half.

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