

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Virginia Teich Council Chambers

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Steven Teich.

ROLL CALL was taken by Owosso City Manager, Nathan Henne.

PRESENT: Commissioner Lance Omer, Commissioner Scott Newman, Secretary Philip Hathaway (6:05), Commissioner Matthew Van Epps, Commissioner Gary Wilson, Commissioner Dianne Acton, Chairman Steven Teich.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nathan Henne, Owosso City Manager.

AGENDA APPROVAL: April 20, 2022.

ADDITION BY COMMISSIONER WILSON-DISCUSSION OF PRESERVATION OF FACADES OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS WHEN THERE IS A LOSS BY FIRE, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED DURING LULA'S DISCUSSION.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL WITH ADDITION BY COMMISSIONER WILSON. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEWMAN.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES APPROVAL: JANUARY 19, 2022 MINUTES.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL AS PRESENTED BY SECRETARY HATHAWAY. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VAN EPPS.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Historic District Commission Annual Report. City Manager Henne detailed that the bylaws require the Commission to submit an annual report each April to Council detailing what is done throughout the previous calendar year. Secretary Hathaway asked the special presentation that was made by the State be included in the draft sent to Council.

SECRETARY HATHAWAY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT, AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILSON.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Comments: City Manager Henne gave an update on the Lula's Cookhouse building post-fire; no demolition permit has been submitted. Secretary Hathaway inquired as to the process for buildings that have sustained fire damage requesting a demolition permit (not by neglect). Commissioner Van Epps indicated there could be demolition if there was something that occurred that was beyond the control of the owner (Notice to Proceed-four reasons). The Historic District Commission's main concern is saving the façade. The continuity of the street wall is integral. Commissioner Omer expressed concern about the integrity of the building; an independent third party opinion is requested. Commissioner Van Epps would like to see the redevelopment plan for this building before the demolition is approved. Contractor estimated \$5,000 to brace/save the façade; that section of the building is structurally sound. Commissioner Wilson showed some comparative projects in communities of similar size. MEDC was approached about the project, but they are not interested unless it's a new build. Demolition permit will be forthcoming.

Mathews Building demolition has begun. The demolition will take two days and they will then begin hauling away materials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY SECRETARY HATHAWAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEWMAN TO ADJOURN AT 7:04 P.M. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Philip Hathaway, Secretary