

MINUTES FOR
REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Thursday, September 17, 2020 6:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:11 p.m. by Chairman Newman.

ROLL CALL was taken by Recording Staff Liaison, Josh Adams.

PRESENT: Chairman Scott Newman; Commissioner Gary Wilson, Commissioner Steven Teich; Commissioner Matthew Van Epps; Commissioner Dianne Acton

ABSENT: Secretary Philip Hathaway; Commissioner Lance Omer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONER WILSON. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TEICH AS PRESENTED

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

Committee Reports: None

Public Hearings: None

Items of Business:

- 1) Officer Elections – Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Chairman Newman stated that it has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Historic District Commission since the founding of the commission. Due to continued health issues he has submitted his resignation as chairman. His intention is to stay on the commissions as an authority member but step down as chairman. At that time, he opened the floor to receive nominations for chairman.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ACTON TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER TEICH AS CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILSON.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Newman requested to chair the remainder of the meeting. The commission agreed.

Chairman Newman continued. Due to the resignation of Vice-Chairman Gonyou earlier in the year, the commission needs to elect a new vice-chairman. At that time, he opened the floor to receive nominations for vice-chairman.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TEICH TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER WILSON AS VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ACTON.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

2) Downtown Developments – Updates & Discussion

Chairman Newman updated the commission of the exploratory demolition associated with 108 W. Exchange Street. The new property owner has removed the metal covering on the façade and has exposed the historic (1880-1890) façade including brick & window locations. Chairman Newman stated that the owner will come before the commission with an application and proposed plans prior to conducting any work on the historic façade. Mr. Newman stated that the second-story overhang portion of the building currently has no façade. He stated that he is looking forward to seeing what an architect can do with that portion of the façade. Mr. Adams informed the commission that the property owner has engaged with an architect and has plans to restore the historic façade.

Mr. Adams updated the commission on the work taking place at 122 N. Washington Street. Mr. Adams stated that the owners have made some changes to their redevelopment plans. The owners will be keeping the historic doors instead of replacing them. The owners will continue to repaint the façade, update the canopy, and continue with the interior renovations.

Chairman Newman updated the residing activities that took place at 224 N. Ball Street. Mr. Newman verified that there was no historic siding underneath the siding that was removed. Mr. Newman indicated that the installation of the new wood siding was a big success for the commission, and he is thankful for the property owner's willingness to work with the commission.

The commission went into a lengthy discussion about the Matthews Building. Mr. Adams updated the commission on the communication between the property owner and the building department. The commission discussed additional ideas to aid in the preservation of the roof of the structure before a demolition permit is submitted to the commission. The commission discussed funding options and additional consultant services provided by SHPO and MHPN that would introduce new ways to preserve the structure – like a Historic Structure Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIRMAN WILSON AND SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN TEICH TO ADJOURN AT 7:11 P.M.

Phil Hathaway, Secretary

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