

LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING

October 24, 2023

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 4:01 p.m.

Commissioners present were Kimberly Dale, Bobby Kasserman, Noah Tullos, and Pat Austin.

Mayor Josh Agee, Director of Economic Development and CEO at the Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce CEO Alliston Hestand, and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Sexton were present.

Old Business

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to approve the September 26, 2023 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Tullos. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to approve the drafted Mission Statement for the Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to approve the drafted bylaws and present at a later City Council meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Commissioners, along with Mayor Agee and Allison Hestand, discussed the existing Land Bank Ordinance (2023-15) and the possibility of amending sections 5, 9(c) and 9(e) to add further clarity to the existing powers of the Commission itself. A draft of the amended ordinance will be presented at the November 28, 2023 meeting for approval by the Commission before being presented at a future City Council meeting.

Secretary Sexton presented ideas for a Land Bank webpage through the City of Paragould's website. Commissioners discussed information needed for the website and having these ideas implemented by the City's IT department.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of establishing Land Bank Commission sub-committees in 2024.

Overlay districts were discussed by those in attendance. Potential districts were presented to the Commissioners on maps; however, the establishment of specific overlay districts was tabled until the next meeting to allow Commissioners additional time to study proposed districts.

New Business

Commissioners, along with Mayor Agee and Allison Hestand, discussed rescheduling the Benchmark trip to Paducah, KY for Spring 2024 following a Zoom meeting with Paducah city officials.

Commissioners discussed the 2024 Land Bank Commission budget. Mayor Agee informed the Commission that the Economic Development Council would allot \$250,000 in 2024 to the Land Bank. Commissioners discussed potential use of the 2024 for infrastructure improvements in the overlay districts, as well as building up the Land Bank inventory.

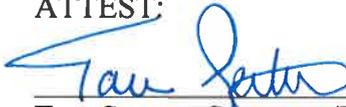
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner Dale moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer