

## **LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 20, 2024**

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 7:05 a.m.

Commissioners present were Keith White, Pat Austin, Kimberly Dale, and Noah Tullos. Commissioner Bobby Kasserman was absent.

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

### **Old Business**

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to approve the May 21, 2024, minutes contingent on one small grammatical change; seconded by Councilmember Austin. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed a sample packet of Residential Design Standards for each established district. Corrections to the packet were discussed and it was decided a finalized packet would be discussed at the next meeting to be voted on. Commissioners also discussed meeting with the planning and zoning department regarding the residential design standards to ensure they are in line with the existing code.

A proposed set of Restricted Covenants for the overlay districts was looked over and ideas discussed. Commissioners discussed that the language be for the district in general and not just land bank properties. Commissioners discussed the need for language in the restrictive covenants that include remodels and how after a certain percentage, everything in the home must be brought up to code. It was determined that these restrictive covenants will need to be voted on by the City Council.

Commissioners discussed filing restrictive deeds on auction properties and the rest of the properties located in an overlay district, specifically beginning with the Northend District.

Commissioners discussed purchasing an entrance sign for the Northend District. Secretary Sexton will email out design ideas prior to the next meeting and it will be discussed further.

## **New Business**

Commissioners discussed a need for an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for title work services for the commission. A sample will be drafted and brought to the next meeting for edits and/or a vote.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of having land bank signs to place in yards where the property is available via the land bank. These could be reusable and include the address and date of auction.

Commissioners discussed conducting the first auction for the land bank in-home and as the inventory increases, hiring out.

Commissioners discussed the need for an expedited meeting and determined it would be set for July 11, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. in the upstairs conference room at City Hall.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner Tullos moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Dale. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 a.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer