

LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING

August 27, 2024

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 3:56 p.m.

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

Mayor Josh Agee and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Sexton were present.

Old Business

Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to approve the July 11, 2024, minutes; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed the Northend Overlay District Design Standards that were approved by City Council. After discussion with Director of Planning and Development Kevin Lang, the standards originally approved by the Land Bank Commission were revised to be consistent with the new zoning ordinance and incorporated into said ordinance. Commissioners went over the changes and noted that a minimum square footage of 1200 sq. ft. had not been applied to the new standards. Commissioners discussed adding this to the restrictive covenants filed for Northend properties. Commissioners also discussed the fact that Labor and Midtown design standards were not passed by City Council. These will be revised, as well, and voted on by Council at a later time.

Commissioners discussed going over the submitted RFQ's for title work services at the September meeting when Commissioner Dale is present. Secretary Sexton will send the submitted title services to commissioners for review prior to the next meeting.

New Business

Commissioners discussed the "Green Apartments" in the Northend District that are now for sale. Commissioners discussed potentially buying these apartments and using the land to build a park for the overlay district.

Commissioners discussed a date and time for the Public Auction for land bank property inventory. Commissioners settled on September 26, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the community center. Commissioners discussed the need for an auctioneer and advertising an RFP in the newspaper and circulating to local auctioneers.

Commissioners discussed moving up the date of the next meeting to September 12th at 7 a.m. to have time to discuss matter of the public auction prior to the date.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner Austin moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Commissioner Tullos. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer