

LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING

December 17, 2024

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 4:02 p.m.

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

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

Old Business

Motion made by Commissioner Tullos to approve the November 19, 2024, minutes; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Secretary Sexton gave an update on the 820 Gentry Street Property. Closing has occurred and the property is now owned by the City of Paragould.

Commissioners present discussed the Greene Apartments located on N. 4th Street as a potential investment in 2025. Commissioners discussed setting up a meeting with the owner in January or February of 2025 to discuss the possibility of the Land Bank Commission purchasing it. Commissioners further discussed potential land use if the building and lot is purchased.

Commissioners and Mayor Agee discussed three parcels located in the Northend District that are owned by the First Church of the Nazarene and the possibility of acquiring these for the land bank. Commissioner Austin will reach out to the church officials.

Commissioners and Mayor Agee discussed property in the Northend District owned by Ivanete Santos and the possibility of acquiring properties for the land bank. Mayor Agee will reach out to the owner.

New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the expenditures and deposits as presented in the financial statement; seconded by Commissioner Tullos. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed applicants for the upcoming vacant seat of Banking Commissioner. Motion made by Commissioner Tullos to approve applicant Blake Phillips as the new Banking Commissioner for the Land Bank Commission; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

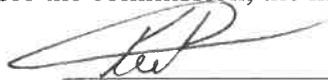
Mr. Phillips will be contacted regarding approval of application. Mr. Phillips appointment will be confirmed by City Council at the January 13th meeting.

Commissioners discussed waiving building permit costs for owners who purchase properties in land bank overlay districts from the land bank.

Lastly, Commissioners discussed updating the city website to include updated commissioner contact information and to make sure the land bank is included under the "Commissions" listing.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer