

LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING

January 28, 2025

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 4:04 p.m.

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

Mayor Josh Agee, Director of Planning and Development Kevin Lang and Secretary/Treasurer Tara Sexton were present.

Old Business

Motion made by Commissioner White to approve the December 17, 2024, minutes; seconded by Commissioner White. Commissioner Dale and Commissioner Phillips were not present in December and abstained from voting. Commissioner Kasserman arrived late to the meeting and thus was not present to vote regarding the minutes.

Commissioners and Mayor Agee discussed scheduling an appointment with Mr. Bryan Fletcher regarding the possible purchase of the Green Apartments by the Land Bank Commission. Mayor Agee will reach out and schedule the meeting.

Commissioners briefly discussed properties owned by the First Church of Nazarene and finding a point of contact to reach out to regarding potential purchases.

Commissioners discussed a Northend Overlay District sign for the future. Neighborhood banners for the light poles were discussed. Mayor Agee will reach out to the EDC about a possible banner design and research pricing.

New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to approve the expenditures and deposits as presented in the financial statement; seconded by Commissioner Phillips. All in favor. A spreadsheet of physical assets will be available monthly beginning in February.

Commissioners and Director Kevin Lang discussed the appropriate procedure for owners in the overlay districts to present and have approved house plans for properties that were purchased from the land bank. Commissioners and Director Lang determined it would be best for the planning and zoning department to review the plans and approve, subject to any concerns that may need to be presented to the land bank commission for clarification. The P&D department will keep Secretary Sexton apprised of any building permits purchased for these properties so that the commission can make sure time constraints for building are observed by the owners.

Commissioners discussed the need to have Paragould Municipal Utilities check all existing utilities prior to selling any future properties and fix any problems before properties go to new owners.

Commissioners discussed with Director Lang several properties that were sold whose lots require variances. Motion made by Commissioner Kasserman to have the land bank pay for any necessary surveys and replats on properties sold by the land bank; seconded by Commissioner Dale. All in favor. Secretary Sexton will provide a complete list of properties sold at auction to Director Lang to identify which parcels need variances and must be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer