

LAND BANK COMMISSION MEETING

April 22, 2025

Paragould Land Bank Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. at 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 3:58 p.m.

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

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

Old Business

Motion made by Commissioner Austin to approve the February 25, 2025, minutes; seconded by Commissioner Dale. All in favor.

Commissioners discussed updates on the Green Apartments project. Asbestos testing was completed with negative results. Demolition has been scheduled for May 5, 2025.

Commissioners looked over quotes for neighborhood banners for the Northend District.

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to purchase double-sided 24"W X60" banners from PostNet at a cost of \$390.04/per banner and to order necessary brackets to install banners; seconded by Commissioner Phillips. All in favor. Commissioner White will discuss how many banners to purchase with Mayor Agee before Secretary Sexton places an order. Secretary Sexton will discuss the proper brackets to be purchased with Commissioner Kasserman.

Commissioners reiterated the need to begin working on Midtown District standards as soon as possible.

New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Dale to approve the expenditures and deposits as presented in the April financial statement, as well as physical assets; seconded by Commissioner Austin. All in favor.

Commissioners went over the existing properties owned by the Land Bank Commission, leading to a discussion on a possible auction in the near future. Commissioner White brought forth the idea of an online auction, due to the conservative number of properties to be offered. Secretary Sexton will check the City Attorney, Robert Thompson, on the legalities of conducting an online auction. A tentative date of May 28, 2025, at 10 a.m. was proposed for the auction, pending all arrangements and publication obligations have been completed.

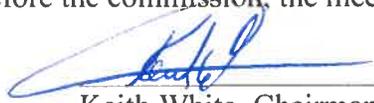
Commissioners discussed the topic of alley access in the Northend Overlay District. Commissioners confirmed that the design standard policy for new construction being required to use alley access rather than driveways in their design is correct and that the planning and development office should enforce the standard when reviewing submitted building plans in the Northend Overlay District. Commissioners confirmed that there is an option for builders to appeal to the Land Bank Commission in special circumstances.

Commissioners discussed the 1-year deadline for the purchase of building permits for Northend Overlay District properties purchased at the auction in October. Commissioner White suggested sending reminder letters to the parties involved who have not yet purchased permits. Secretary Sexton will draft the letters and mail them out.

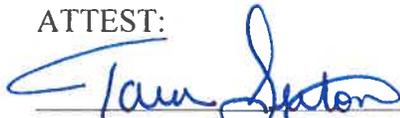
Commissioners confirmed that the next meeting date would be May 27, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



Keith White, Chairman

ATTEST:


Tara Sexton, Secretary/Treasurer