

***Historical Commission***  
***Minutes***  
City of Foley Council Chambers  
407 E. Laurel Ave.  
Foley, Alabama  
**December 8, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m.**

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**I. Call to order**

Chairman Justin Shanks called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**II. Roll call**

Members present were: Justin Shanks and Kathie LeDrew. Jack Purser, Donna Turbyfill, JaNay Dawson and Kerry Slota joined via teleconference. Staff present were: Amanda Cole, Recording Secretary and Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Approve November 10, 2020 minutes as published

Vice-Chairman LeDrew made a motion to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes as published. Commissioner Purser seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to approve the November 10, 2020 meeting minutes as published passes.**

**IV. New Business**

- Adoption of By-Laws for 2021

Commissioner Turbyfill made a motion to adopt the by-laws as written for 2021. Vice-Chairman LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to adopt the by-laws for 2021 passes.**

- Adoption of officers for 2021

Commissioner Dawson stated the nominating committee was making the recommendation to nominate Justin Shanks as Chairman and Donna Turbyfill as Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Dawson made the motion to nominate Justin Shanks as Chairman and Donna Turbyfill as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Purser seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to nominate Justin Shanks as Chairman and Donna Turbyfill as Vice-Chairman passes.**

- Monthly open discussion

Chuck Lay stated he has been speaking with an oral surgeon who was interested in Dr. Hart's old building, which is located at 225 W Laurel. Mr. Lay stated the new owner is wanting to demo the old building and build a new one and he wanted the Commissioners to know that may be coming up on the agenda in the next month or so.

Commissioner Dawson stated she knew the building had been there since the late 40's or early 50's.

Mr. Lay stated the building has had a few remodels over the years and an addition was added on to the back. Mr. Lay stated the new owner would not be able to use the old building.

Commissioner Purser stated the new owner may want to bring this item up as an emergency situation so the Commission would have a reason to approve if they felt to do so. Mr. Lay stated he told the new owner he would need to present a case to bring to the Commission for this kind of work.

Commissioner Dawson questioned the work that was being done at the old Cactus Café building. She stated the building had open areas that could allow more damage to be done to the building.

Chuck Lay stated the building had an open interior demo permit and work was being done in it.

Commissioner Dawson asked if we could say something to the owners.

Mr. Lay stated if the building creates a public hazard they can say something but with the building being taken apart it was hard to say. Mr. Lay mentioned we may be able to contact the contractor to see what the status of the work is.

Chairman Shanks stated he noticed the Hamburg building received some damage from Hurricane Sally and asked the status of the building.

Mr. Lay said the building had sustained some damage however he had not done an assessment of the building. Mr. Lay stated he believes there are discussions at City Hall about the property.

There was discussion on receiving an update on the Hamburg Building to see where the process is at concerning the project that was brought forward involving Design Alabama and the different grants the building received.

## **V. Adjournment**

Commissioner Dawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. passes.**

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**Chairman**

**Date**

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**Recording Secretary**

**Date**