

***Historical Commission Minutes***

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

**January 12, 2021**

**1:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to order**

Chairman Justin Shanks called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**II. Roll call**

Members present were: Justin Shanks, Randy Arp, Kathie LeDrew and JaNay Dawson. Jack Purser joined via teleconference. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Amanda Cole, Planning and Zoning Assistant; and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- Approve December 8, 2020 minutes as published

Commissioner Dawson made a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes passes.

**IV. New Business**

- Update on the Hamburg Building with Randy Kurtts.

Mr. Randy Kurtts explained earlier in the year the city received a grant in the amount of \$10,500 which was used for concrete foundation work. He explained the city has received another grant in the amount of \$14,500. He stated the next step will be to get measurements and come up with a few different methods on how the rest of the foundation can be repaired.

Chairman Shanks asked if the project is at the stabilization or rehabilitation stage.

Mr. Kurtts stated the foundation work is part of the stabilization phase. He explained he will make a map showing the location of repairs needed for the foundation and methods that can be used. He stated the building did receive roof and siding damage during hurricane Sally. He explained an insurance check has been received in the amount of \$73,000 for repairs. He stated the sliding doors need new hardware and to be re-skinned. He explained the siding on the portion of the building facing the rose trail needs to be replaced with metal siding.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the building currently has metal siding.

Mr. Kurtts stated he believes the portion of the building facing the rose trail is aluminum siding which has been painted red. He stated a lot of the building siding is a mixture of

different materials. He explained the north end of the building which is the work end of the operation with conveyors and the mechanics has a lot of damage and needs to be secured and repaired.

Commissioner Dawson stated she could possibly contact someone at the State Agricultural Department to see if they would be willing to make a donation towards the project.

Mr. Kurtts stated he would like to write up a rehabilitation plan for the north end which would include getting the machinery painted, preserved and back in place as it was when it was operating. He stated he would like to talk with the Hamburgs to get a basic understanding of the operation of the equipment for refurbishing purposes.

Commissioner Dawson stated she feels the machinery and how it works is a drawing point for tourists. She asked how the north end of the building could be secured.

Mr. Kurtts stated a permanent easement could possibly be granted by Mr. Lorenz. He explained a chain link fence with gates could be added. He stated the short term goal is to get a termite treatment plan, and to complete the roof and foundation repairs. He explained the long term goal would be to get the machinery refurbished and secure the north end of the building. He stated he will work on a plan and share the completed plan with the Commission. He explained he may be retiring in March.

Commissioner Dawson stated Mr. Kurtts has a lot of knowledge about the building and asked if we would be able to contact him after his retirement if any questions arise.

Mr. Kurtts stated he has enjoyed working on the project and will be glad to leave a phone number where he can be reached if anyone has any questions regarding the building.

Commissioner Dawson explained Foley High School teacher Ronna Sanford who was involved in the project has retired. She stated the items and materials pertaining to the project are being stored in a conex container.

- Monthly Open Discussion

Commissioner Dawson asked if there was anyone that could give the Commission an update on the Cactus Café building.

Chairman Shanks stated he would speak with Darrelyn Dunmore with Main Street and see if she has any information about the building or if she could get an update.

## V. Adjournment

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to adjourn at 1:37 p.m. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to adjourn at 1:37 p.m. passes.**