

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2024/ 5:30 PM / City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Jim Hunter, Jim Swatsenbarg, Bill Barksdale, Robin Harrison, & Josh Anderson

Members Absent: Alan Bull & Matt Smith

Staff & Council: Greg Dagnan, Zeb Carney, Julie Tilley, & Mark Elliff

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Jim Swatsenbarg, Vice Chairman

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Bill Barksdale to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Robin Harrison - All present voted in favor, minutes were approved

Public Hearings

- n/a

Staff Reports

- n/a

New Business

- *Blight Declaration Request for sidewalks adjacent to Square - Project Name: 'Walk This Way'*
 - Jeff Meredith presented on the next phase of the sidewalk restoration project around and just off the square.
 - The city is working on a government grant that offers an 80% funding match for the sidewalk work.
 - All property owners have been notified and are in favor of the project. One leasing tenant has minor concerns.
 - Once the blight declaration has been granted, the building and sidewalks in the noted area will not have to apply for a blight declaration again if they decide to do additional work in the future.
 - Though an area might be deemed blighted, it does not mean that every building in that area is deteriorated.

Robin Harrison made a motion to approve the blight declaration, seconded by Bill Barksdale - All present voted in favor, the motion passed.

- *Blight Declaration Request for property located at 906 S. Garrison Ave. - Project Name: 'Mario'*

- Jeff Meredith presented on the property formerly known as Cave Gang Pizza. The building has deteriorated a considerable amount since it was last occupied.
- Plans for future improvement of the property were discussed.

Robin Harrison made a motion to approve the blight declaration, seconded by Bill Barksdale - All present voted in favor, the motion passed.

Old Business

- n/a

Bill Barksdale moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh Anderson - All present voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers