

Meeting Minutes

July 03, 2025/ 5:30 PM / City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Jim Hunter (Chairman), Philip Brown, Matt Smith & Josh Anderson

Staff & Council: Julie Tilley, Derek Peterson, & Josiah Bayless

Absent: Jim Swatsenbarg

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Josh A. to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Philip B. - All present voted in favor, minutes were approved

Public Hearings

- *n/a*

Staff Reports

- *n/a*

New Business

- *Blight Declaration Request for property located at 136 E. 4th St.*
 - Jeff Meredith, Carthage Economic Development Director spoke on about the history of the property and its current state
 - Alyssa Hesten, 136 E. 4th St., property owner; also spoke about the property and her plans for the future with the building
 - Jim H. told some folklore regarding the building
 - Jeff Meredith reviewed the 353 Tax Abatement details with the commission

Philip B. made a motion to approve the blight decoration, seconded by Matt Smith - all voted in favor, motion passed

Old Business:

- *n/a*

At the close of business Jim Hunter announced that his term on Planning, Zoning, & Historic Preservation has come to an end. He made a motion that Josh Anderson be the new chairman, seconded by Philip Brown, all voted in favor, motion carried

Josh A. suggested the matter of a new secretary be tabled until the next meeting, all agreed

We all wish and wished Jim well and thanked him for his tenure on the commission.

Matt S. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded Josh A. - All present voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers