

City of Sidney
Historic Preservation Board
September 2, 2014 Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by the chairperson of the board, Kay Hicks at 12:10pm and the open public meeting act was announced.

Roll Call: Greg Huck, Bruce Leypoldt, Kathy Wilson, and Kay Hicks. Members Absent: Brandy Root, Rich Phillips, and Scott Williams. Additional Attendees: Brad Rowan, Gary Person, Megan McGown

COA Request: The City of Sidney Requested COA to demolish the property located at 820 9th Ave. Person made the request on behalf of City of Sidney, stating that the building is in the National Register District, however, according to the Chief Building Official at City of Sidney, due to lack of maintenance over the years, the building is beyond repair and an unsound structure. Person explained that the City purchased the building from Millie Elwell, taking ownership on September 2 in order to provide ample time for her children clear the building. The purpose of the purchase and demolition is to provide additional parking for the downtown area and allow for greater parking for events as well as upper floor housing tenants. Rowan explained that the building has asbestos and has gone through the mitigation process. Darrin VanNatter got the bid for the demolition and will start immediately. Person explained that the City did not own the building until today, thus the delay in the COA request.

Leypoldt asked for clarification on the firm selected to do the demolition. Person stated that the City received 3 bids and VanNatter was the low bid and was selected.

Person also noted that an individual attempted to purchase the building prior to the City's taking ownership, however Elwell remained committed to the contract with the City.

Leypoldt asked about timeline - Person explained that the demolition can take place immediately after the decision of this board. Leypoldt also asked about salvageable material. Rowan explained that anything other than the limestone wall will be property of the demolition contractor.

Huck made a motion to approve the COA for demolition of 820 9th Ave. Leypoldt seconded the motion and the motion carried with all members present voting yeas.

Comments by Director: McGown reminded members of the Sept 16 meeting. She explained that Paul Schaub will not be in attendance due to the County not being connected to the historical association, however, the board will review the materials that Schaub provided.

With all business being addressed, the meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.