

MINUTES
WALTON PLAN COMMISSION
Monday November 3, 2014

President, Mac Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Walton Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Rick Lee, Mike Robison, Dick Case, Mac Martin and Patti Raderstorf

Member absent: Jessica Zehring, Steve Williams and 1 member to be appointed

Staff present: Chris Gaumer and Arin Shaver

Public in attendance: Daren Spradlin, Michael Sparling, Kendra Winegardner and Michael Winegardner

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Rick Lee made a motion to approve the October 6, 2014 minutes, Dick Case seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Rick Lee motioned to amend the Agenda to include New Business: Building Commissioner and Contractor's Registration. Mr. Robison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None:

REPORTS:

ILP:

Improvement location permits were presented for July, August and September. No questions were asked.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unsafe Building Updates:

#11-04 202 N. Davis - Duerr:

Chris Gaumer reported that under the Unsafe Building Code, the original order has expired after 2 years. Mr. Gaumer explained that a new order may be brought forth. Mr. Gaumer read a letter from Dave Reinking, contractor, stating that the free standing porch with the addition of 4X4 supports in the middle of the structure and a diagonal brace on the south end, the structure is safe.

Mr. Gaumer presented pictures of the property taken 5 days ago. A discussion followed concerning the next step for the Plan Commission which included the possibility of Walton hiring a Building Commissioner and the Plan Commission issuing a new order. No further action was taken.

Mr. Gaumer stated that staff will continue to monitor the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Commissioner:

Mrs. Shaver passed out the state building code and the Building Commissioner ordinances that could be adopted by the Town of Walton if they wish to have a building commissioner along with the ordinance adopted by Cass County for contractor registration.

Mrs. Shaver explained the importance of contractor registrations as a way to protect property owners.

Mrs. Shaver asked the Commission to review this information and to give the Town Council a recommendation.

Mr. Martin asked for comments or questions from the public.

The Commission stated they would give the ordinances to the Town Council Attorney to review.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Winegardner asked about the Key property, 506 East St.

Mr. Lee explained that Walton has obtained a Blight Elimination Grant and will go through the steps needed for approval to take ownership and demolish this property.

There was no further business to be brought before the Commission; the meeting was adjourned at 6:41PM, November 3, 2014.

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Peggy Dillon, Recording Secretary