

Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Pekin

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 6 April 2023 at 4 p.m.

Pekin City Hall Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Commission member Debbi Reed-Montgomery. Commission members Chris Deverman, Jared Olar, Christina Olar, and Debbi Reed-Montgomery were present. Commission members Steve Harris and Tyler Chasco were absent. Quorum of the members were present. Pekin City Councilman David Nutter also present to offer counsel and guidance in running a meeting.

No comments were offered by public.

First order of business was organization of the Commission. Commissioner Reed-Montgomery nominated by Commissioner J. Olar to be Chair, seconded by C. Olar. Unanimously approved. J. Olar nominated by Reed-Montgomery to be Vice-chair, seconded by C. Deverman. Unanimously approved. C. Olar nominated by J. Olar to be Secretary, seconded by Reed-Montgomery. Unanimously approved.

Commission Discussion:

- Chair related that the City Council is considering the Commission membership qualifications, possibly changing requirement that Commissioners live within Pekin city limits to allow those who live in the 61554 area code to serve on the Commission. No action taken.
- Commission discussed condition of the Tobin Building (Schipper & Block Building), examining documents and reports from 1991 to present indicating the building is structurally sound but needs refurbished. Bricks in foundation are water-damaged, but foundation's steel girders reportedly sound. No action taken.
- Commission considered developing and proposing to the Pekin City Council a comprehensive historical preservation ordinance and policy for the City of Pekin. Commissioners examined State Statute 65 ILCS 5/11-48/2.1 to discern commission's authority under state law and the City's current Historical Preservation Ordinance, and unanimously asked Chair Reed-Montgomery to seek advice from Acting City Manager Bruce Marston. No other action taken.

Commissioners scheduled a Special Meeting to be held Tuesday, 11 April 2023 at 10 a.m. at Pekin City Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Chair Reed-Montgomery, seconded by Vice-Chair Olar.

Meeting adjourned 5:28 p.m.