

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
KINGSPORT HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION**

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Jewell McKinney  
Jack Edwards  
Chip Millican  
Joe Cross  
Scott Schriefer

**Members Absent**

Dr. Erin Reid  
Dineen West

**Staff Present**

Savannah Garland  
Jessica Harmon

**Visitors Present**

Dawn Melton

Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) Chairman Jewell McKinney, opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. McKinney thanked the commissioners for attending the called meeting and welcomed the visitors. McKinney had the two newest Commissioners, Joe Cross & Scott Schriefer, introduce themselves. McKinney then asked for an approval of the minutes from the March 2023 meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Millican, seconded by Commissioner Edwards the March meeting minutes were approved.

There was nothing under “Old Business”. Under “New Business” McKinney asked the applicant, which is the City of Kingsport, to share their project. The presenters for the project was Jessica Harmon and Dawn Melton. Harmon explained how the old Historic Patton Store is in a state of disrepair. They’ve had a Structural Engineer conduct a report on the condition of the building and its need for removal. Harmon stated that the City will be transferring the property over to the Kingsport Economic Development Board to issue an RFP for the property. It is the intent of the City to find an end user for the property once the demolition is completed. The City is requesting to demolish the East and West sides that are immediate threats and then work through KEDB on the restoration of the original structure. The repairs and restoration would be coming forward from whoever KEDB selects once the RFPs have been received. Commissioner Schriefer asked the timeframe of the demolition and Dawn Melton said it could be four weeks or longer. Commissioner Millican stated that getting the building back to the original structure is headed in the right direction. Millican asked if there would be provisions in place to what could be done to the building and Harmon said yes. After further discussion, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the 2108 Netherland Inn Road surgical demolition of non-original parts of the structure that is failing and to preserve the original store structure. Commissioner Schriefer seconded the motion.

Next, under “Other Business” Planner Garland updated the Commissioners on the recent In-House approvals.

No one spoke during public comment.

McKinney made a motion to adjourn since there were no more comments. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jewell McKinney, Chairman