

Special Meeting  
October 26, 2015 6:30 p.m.  
City of Oswego, Kansas

Present: Councilmembers Jane Rea, Caleb Strickland, Darren Tynan, Kelly Vance and David Newby with Mayor Bill Cunningham presiding.

Absent: Councilmember Bill Owens

Also Present: City Superintendent Calvin Jurgensen, City Clerk Carol Eddington and Grant Administrator Susan Galemore.

The meeting was called to discuss the old Lush apartment building in the Downtown Demolition Grant Project. Susan Galemore, SEKRPC, reported that Salih with KDOC is deferring to the State Historical Society in making the recommendation to the city as to whether the State will require the city to skin the building or whether they would allow the condemnation of the building to be included in the grant. Galemore explained that the Historical Society (SHPO) has to approve all demolitions using any HUD money. If they determine that a building has the potential to be deemed an historical building, SHPO will not approve of the demolition – not only within the grant but not in the future period. The only reason they allowed the Professional Building to be torn down is because they determined it was too far gone to save. If the city wishes to pursue this further with the Historical Society, SHPO has asked for higher resolution photos of the building, requested a list of areas specifically damaged by the demolition of the adjoining building and they have inquired about the history of the building.

When asked, Galemore said that grant money could not be used to replace a roof of a privately owned building. Eddington confirmed this is what Salih had told the city over the phone as well.

Galemore did find out from SHPO is that they will allow the building to be skinned with metal. The skinning of the building is only for the newly exposed area that had been covered up by the attached building.

After further discussion and careful consideration by the Governing Body, Rea made a motion and Vance seconded to move forward with skinning the building as initially included in the grant and in a manner recommended by the State Historical Society. Motion carried with Strickland opposing.

Eddington reported that the two quotes received for engineering/architectural services for generating specs for skinning the building were from BG Consultants, Inc. (\$6,500) and from Patterson, Latimer, Jones, Brannon, Denham Inc. (\$1,650). Newby made a motion and Tynan seconded to accept the low bid contingent upon it being for both the apartment building and the building that was attached to 319 Commercial. Motion carried.

Strickland made a motion and Rea seconded to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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F.W. Cunningham, Jr, Mayor

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Carol J. Eddington, City Clerk