

MINUTES
Special Called Town Council Meeting
September 17, 2019

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins and Robert Martin.

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasure and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Mayor Pro-tem Chad Hawkins called the Special Called meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Jeff Shacker Municipal Association-Discussion on unused and dilapidated buildings: Jeff Shacker, Field Service Manager with the Municipal Association introduced himself to the Citizens and Business Owner's attending the meeting. Mr. Shacker discussed code enforcement and dilapidated buildings stating that Municipal statutes were covered under Title 5 Chapter 7. He stated under Title 5 Chapter 7 section 30 it gives authority to abate public nuisances. He stated Cities have the authority to go on private property to abate public nuisances with a notice of violation that ends with a proceeding. He stated you can report the lien to recover the cost to correct the nuisance in the same manner as collecting property taxes. He stated if you don't have a code enforcement budget you are not going to be effective. He stated Title 6 are the provisions for code Officials on adoption of building codes. He recommended adopting the International Property Maintenance Code which covers minimum standards of maintenance of properties. He stated you would need a public hearing and two readings to adopt this code. He suggested doing an inventory of the properties in Town. He stated if you adopt this code it does not mean you have to enforce it. He stated tax credits exist through the State and making an historic district is one of the ways you can get credits too. Discussion followed. Mrs. Livingston stated making a historic district and adopting the International Property Maintenance Code are two positive tools for the people with dilapidated buildings.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer