

The Property Maintenance and Restoration Committee

Met on November 6th, at 5:30 pm in the conference room at the City Building on North High Street. Committee members present were Adam Wilkin and Ann Morris. Member Justin Harsha was excused due to a death in the family. Others present were Mayor Hastings, Council President Tom Eichinger, Public Works Superintendent Shawn Adkins, Annie Osborne, McKenzie Edison, and Kelli Williamson.

Discussion was held on the sale of the old firehouse.

It was determined that the appraisal that was most recently done was at the amount of \$80,000 would be the baseline for the sale. If council approves, the sale will be by sealed bids, turned into the city building, with a reserve of the appraised value. A "phase installment" payment plan would be set up and the title transfer would be in December of 2022, when the bond is paid off. Council has discussed using the proceeds from the firehouse sale to fund the permanent council quarters planned for the second floor of the city building.

The property will be listed for a period of 30 days, and then the bids will be opened and the highest qualified bid would be awarded on the 30th day, or closest working date to that day. The initial 30 day period will begin on the date that the property is publicly listed.

Next on the agenda was the continuing story of the Parker House. Hoping for an eventual happy ending for the people of Hillsboro and Highland County, we received updates on the property. The city is looking into the legalities of the ownership discrepancy of the building and the eventual demolition. As soon as this becomes resolved, the demolition process can begin.

Evans Landscaping company has submitted a bid of \$97,000 to do the project. The city is also waiting on a bid from Evans to demolish the Gross Fibel Building as well.

It was also discussed that the revolving loan fund could possibly kick in \$50,000 to assist in these tear downs. If this were to happen, the city could create a "payback" plan to return that money into the revolving loan fund if decided to go that route.

After all of the discussion took place, Adam made a motion to adjourn and that motion was seconded by Ann. All voted yes, and the meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

The minutes of the meeting we're prepared and submitted by Ann E Morris