

**City Commission**  
**Special Call Minutes**  
**February 15, 2012**  
**Commission Chambers, City Hall**  
**101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas**

The City Governing Body met at 7 pm this date for a Special Call Meeting with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Ramsey, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Jorgensen, and Commissioner Reed. A quorum was present.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed the Chamber Audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the invocation was given by Director of Finance Scott Bird.

**Public Hearing-Demolition of 124 S Main**

The Mayor stated a public hearing on the impact of the demolition of the structure located at 124 S Main is needed. Previous Commission action authorized the demolition of the third floor of the commercial structure at 124 S Main. The owner of the building is requesting permission to demolish the remainder of the building – basement, first floor and second floor. This hearing will consider all relevant factors and will determine if the demolition of the complete structure represents the only reasonable and prudent alternative.

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

The Governing Body heard from City Attorney Bob Bezek who explained the specific purpose of this public hearing is to determine if it is feasible and prudent to demolish the rest of the building, the third floor has already been decided.

The Governing Body heard from Jay Shadwick, outside counsel for CrossFirst Bank, who spoke in favor of complete demolition.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who reviewed information that had been received from engineers and contractors.

The Governing Body heard from the following who spoke in opposition of the complete demolition of 124 S Main and had questions answered: Richard Warren, 717 W 7<sup>th</sup>; Deana Bond, 404 E 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Governing Body heard from the following who spoke in favor of the complete demolition of 124 S Main and had questions answered: Larry Skeet, 120 S Main; Becci Shisler, Main Street Association; Helen Hood, 1119 N Hickory.

The Governing Body heard from Moni El-Aasar, engineer for the City, who provided an overview of his findings.

The Governing Body heard from Mark Towner, structural engineer for CrossFirst Bank, who provided an overview of his findings.

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There being no one else to speak to this issue Mayor Ramsey closed the public hearing at 7:55 pm.

**Resolution-Demolition of Remaining Portions of 124 S Main**

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution providing for the demolition of the remaining portions of the commercial structure at 124 S Main. Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained after consideration of the information presented in the hearing, this resolution allows for the demolition of the remaining portions of the commercial structure located at 124 S Main. The findings of the hearing show no reasonable and prudent alternative to demolition. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and the resolution was duly numbered Resolution No. 1571-12.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk