

MINUTES

A meeting of the **Heritage Preservation Commission** of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the City Council Chambers/Conference Room at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers on **Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Heritage Preservation Commission Members present: Becky Kauffman
Louis Brown
Shannon Simpson
Glinda Felty
Jane Wedding
Curtiss Thompson

Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison: Bonney Ramsey

Heritage Preservation Officer: Anita Brown

City Council Liaison: Mary Lou Shipley

Guests: Melisa and Justin Olson, Ethan Bowman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approve minutes of meeting held January 11, 2018

Glinda Felty made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by Shannon Simpson. **All ayes.**

3. Consider approval of new HT tax exemption applications

101 Richmond Lane—listed as M priority in HHM 2004 survey, c. 1955; question whether door and shutters are original

213 Penn Street—listed as M priority in HHM 1985 survey, c. 1900; question about siding, door, windows

Jane Wedding made a motion to **table** the above applications pending receipt of historic photos and/or evidence that questioned elements are original. Motion was seconded by Louis Brown. **All ayes.**

4. Consider approval of renewal HT tax exemption applications

The following properties were reviewed by the Commission:

855 Cantrell	210 N. College	209 W. Franklin	501 N. Gibson
104 Harbin	205 Harbin	214 S. Hawkins	523 Highland
105 W. Jefferson	417 W. Jefferson	115 Kaufman	604 W. Main
704 W. Main	711 W. Main	716 W. Main	818 W. Main
1025 W. Main	1030 W. Main	1109 W. Main	401 E. Marvin
1201 E. Marvin	207 W. Marvin	405 W. Marvin	707 W. Marvin

1115 W. Marvin	308 Oldham	407 Oldham	239 Patrick
243 Patrick	200 N. Rogers	217 S. Rogers	104 Savannah
107 Savannah	617 Solon	509 Sycamore	317 Virginia
511 Water	716 Water		

Shannon Simpson made a motion to approve the above properties for the 2018 HT exemption. Jane Wedding seconded the motion. **All ayes.**

5. Citizens Petitions & Requests

Ethan Bowman, 205 Oldham, told the board that his application for the HT exemption was denied in 2017 because of inappropriate railing. He asked what to do to bring the property back into compliance. There was some discussion and review of historic and current photos. The board told Mr. Bowman that the current railing at 205 Oldham could have been used on that type of property and advised him to submit another application. Melisa Olson asked if it was too late to apply for the 2018 exemption. The deadline is March 15th.

6. Comments by Commission members and Heritage Preservation Officer

Becky thanked the members for attending the council briefing session and meeting and reported that both ordinances were passed and adopted by city council. Mary Lou Shipley stated that the council supports these efforts to improve and increase the exemptions and incentives for property owners. Becky pointed out the duties of the HPC as outlined in the ordinances and noted that the board needs to start researching and preparing information on the Oldham properties for the public meeting on creating that Overlay District. She would like a folder for each property with current, historic, and survey photos and any other pertinent information. There was some discussion on where to hold the meeting and Central Presbyterian Church was offered as a possibility because of its proximity to the neighborhood. Jane Wedding brought up the issue of encouraging tongue & groove decking on porches. Anita reported that the city has been allotted one CLG grant for a member to attend the FORUM conference in Des Moines in July 2018. This grant pays for airfare and hotel but not meals and conference registration.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Shannon Simpson and seconded by Jane Wedding. **All ayes.** Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Brown