

**Official Proceedings**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of City Commissioners**  
**March 19, 2018 - 12:00 pm**  
**City Hall – Williston, North Dakota**

1. Roll Call of Commissioners

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Deanette Piesik, Tate Cymbaluk, Chris Brostuen, Brad Bekkedahl and Howard Klug.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Kautzman and Kenny Bergstrom

Mayor Klug presented a quorum.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** Add Hedderich's Building Purchase

**Motion by Cymbaluk, Seconded by Brostuen to add to the Agenda to discuss the purchase of the Hedderich's Building**  
**UNANIMOUS BY VOICE VOTE**

Hedderich's Building Purchase

Mayor Klug stated he had a conversation with Dr. Ashton, he has some ideas about what he wanted to do with the building; however, in the end he offered the building to the City and Mayor Klug indicated he accepted this offer, with the thought we would put this building into the Downtown plan we have been working on. We will have plenty of parking, once Red Rock Ford vacates. Mayor Klug indicated his thought was this will be part of the Downtown plan, which we took money from a Sales Tax issue (with food & Beverage) to attract people to downtown and this seems like the next logical step is to use those funds to repurpose that property for a Downtown Market or Square or something similar.

Commissioner Cymbaluk asked if we will have the ability to run title work on the property. City Auditor John Kautzman indicated it was the City who originally sold Dr. Ashton the property. Commissioner Cymbaluk clarified he just wanted to make sure the title work was free and clear as that sale happened approximately 25 years ago. Mayor Klug indicated this has already been done and the title is clear.

Mayor Klug indicated the agreement was that Dr. Ashton will pay the taxes through 2016-2017. The City would take care of the pro-rated portion from when the fire happened and then discuss an abatement.

Commissioner Bekkedahl asked if the City would be able to sell the property if we did not include this in the Downtown Plan. Mayor Klug indicated this property could be included to make a larger Downtown Square; however, we still have options. Commissioner Bekkedahl just wanted clarification that we were not locked into anything upon the purchase of this property.

**Motion by Cymbaluk, Seconded by Brostuen to make a motion to approve the purchase of the former Hedderich’s Building on to the City of Williston from Dr. Loye Ashton as presented**

**AYE: Piesik, Cymbaluk, Brostuen, Bekkedahl and Klug**

**NAY: None**

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: NONE**

**CARRIES: 5-0**

2. Request to Advertise for Bids – Hedderich’s Building Demolition

Mayor Klug indicated that if the City purchased this property, the City would also do the demolition of the entire area. The money to develop this Downtown plan would come from the Sales Tax from the food and beverage and allows us to attract tourism and visitors.

**Motion by Cymbaluk, Seconded by Piesik to make a motion to approve the request for bids on the Hedderich’s demolition project as presented**

**AYE: Piesik, Cymbaluk, Brostuen, Bekkedahl and Klug**

**NAY: None**

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: NONE**

**CARRIES: 5-0**

3. Adjourn meeting at 12:08pm

**Motion by Cymbaluk, Seconded by Bekkedahl to adjourn**

**UNANIMOUS BY VOICE VOTE**

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Howard Klug, President  
Board of City Commissioners

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John Kautzman, City Auditor