

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Magiera
Council Members: John Hill, Kylee Johnson,
Barry Smith, Michael Reed
City Clerk: Tracy Chamberlain
Grant Writer: Sandra Brundage
City Historian: James Griffith
Salamanca Area Historical Society Members: Thomas Percy,
Kathy Riddle, Janet Schmick, Thomas Sharbaugh
ABSENT: Council Member: Janet Koch

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss use of the 123 Main Street, the former Weast Agency building, which the City now owns.

Mayor Magiera stated that she was given an offer from an individual to purchase the building from the City for \$1.00. The offer included repairs needed to the building, renovating the top two floors for the Salamanca Area Historical Society and using the lower floor for Pay-it-Forward storage/distribution.

Mayor Magiera also noted another business owner has mentioned opening a beverage business on Main Street.

City Historian Griffith stated that the Historical Society would like to use the top two floors to expand the museum. He noted they are out of space in the building they are in. He appreciates any contribution from the City and they could do without the assistance. He is concerned with what would happen if 123 Main Street is transferred to a different owner and something were to happen to that individual.

Mayor Magiera noted there are back taxes and utilities owed for the property. There are grants the City is eligible for but the City has been turned down for many grants in the past. The City is applying for grant funds for Main Street Revitalization which will include the renovations to 123 Main Street for the Historical Museum to expand and repairs to the Ray Evans Seneca Theater. The grant award announcement is expected to be in spring of 2024.

Council Member Smith spoke with a retired architect that may be willing to look at the property and give an estimate of work needed.

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It was decided to wait to take any action for 123 Main Street until the grant award results are received.

Mayor Magiera noted she appreciates talking with everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Chamberlain", written over a horizontal line.

Tracy Chamberlain, City Clerk

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