

RESOLUTION

To Authorize the Mayor to Petition the Historic Preservation Committee to Grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the City to Demolish the Former City Hall and Courthouse

WHEREAS, the City of Alexander City ("City") is the owner of the former City Hall (a/k/a First National Bank building) and the former Alexander City Police/Judicial Building (a/k/a the Courthouse for the Alexander City Division of Tallapoosa County); and

WHEREAS, the previous Administration did determine to vacate the City Hall and Courthouse and consolidate these operations in the new Municipal Complex located at 281 James D. Nabors Dr., Alexander City, AL; and

WHEREAS, the City employed PH&J Architects to determine the cost to rehabilitate the buildings to current building codes and the American Disabilities Act which were as follows:

- 1.The former City Hall building - \$2,747,000.00 & Asbestos removal of \$13,490.00
- 2.The Courthouse building - \$3,000,000.00 & Asbestos removal of \$49,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the City determined to send out Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to determine if there existed any viable alternative from third parties to rehabilitate the buildings for a use which would be a benefit to the citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, RFPs were published through the City website and the Alexander City Outlook on July 9, 2020 and again on June 29, 2022 and no proposals were received that complied with the RFPs; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Ordinance No. 2011-01, the “Historic Preservation Ordinance”, which regulates changes to or demolition of buildings located in the identified “Historic District” in which both of the City buildings are located; and

WHEREAS, there is interest in demolition of the buildings which are becoming dilapidated and to provide for a green space on approximately 2.5 acres for the use of the citizens of the City and to provide a space within the Historic District for economic development, which would benefit the citizens of the City as well as Tallapoosa County; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2011-01, Section V (D) states as follows: Approval of Alterations or Demolition of Public Property Within Historic Districts or Public Property Which has been Designated as a Historic Property

“The requirement of a Certificate of Appropriateness shall apply to public property which has been designated as a historic property or which is contained in a historic district, and shall apply to all actions by the public authorities which involve historic properties and properties within historic district.”; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Alexander City has presented to the City Council and will present to the Historic Preservation Committee plans for the site if demolition occurs, which includes the possibility of a Civic Center/Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the Historic District and the citizens of the City, due to the deterioration of the buildings, and potential for economic development that the buildings be demolished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alexander City, Alabama, does hereby authorize the Mayor to petition the Historic Preservation Committee for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the Alexander City Police/Judicial Building/ Courthouse and the former City Hall Building and to

provide a green space for the use of the citizens as well as provide an opportunity for future Economic Development.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

By: Audrey Baily Colvin, President

Alexander City Council

AUTHENTICATED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

By: Stephanie J. Southerland,

City Clerk

APPROVED:

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

By: Curtis "Woody" Baird,

Mayor

Yeas: Colvin, Hardy, E. Brown, Keel

Nays: None

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