

**MINUTES**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, June 20, 2024  
City Council Chambers, Historic Federal Building

**Commissioners Present:** Acting Chairperson Thea Dement; Commissioners Rick Stuter, Janice Esser, Tim Gau, Christina Monk, and Heidi Pettitt

**Commissioners Excused:** Bill Doyle and Melissa Daykin Cassill

**Commissioners Unexcused:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Wally Wernimont

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dement at 5:31 p.m.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Gau, seconded by Pettitt, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye – Dement, Stuter, Esser, Monk, Pettitt, and Gau; Nay – none.

**ACTION ITEMS:** None.

**ITEMS FROM PUBLIC:** None.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:** None.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

**Dubuque Brewing & Malting** – Planning Services Director Wally Wernimont provided an update that since April Commission meeting, demolition was undertaken for the building at 3000 Jackson Street, along Jackson and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Repeal of the Historic Building Code (HBC)** – Staff Member Wernimont noted that no staff were present from the Housing & Community Development department, but a request from Mike Belmont, Building Official was included in the packet and it was requested that the Commission provide their recommendation to City Council. Discussion commenced around the history the code, its relevancy and its lack of use. Motion by Monk, Second by Esser recommend to City Council repeal of the Historic Building Code (HBC) for the following reasons :

1. The present HBC has not been updated since its adoption in 2002 (22 years ago).

2. The City has adopted the 2021 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) which allows exceptions from code requirements when the building in question has historic value just like the HBC.

3. The IEBC is part of International Codes that are regularly updated by the International Code Council.

4. The HBC has been used very infrequently since its adoption.

5. The repealing of the HBC will remove a barrier to enforcement efforts to prevent ongoing deterioration of historic properties.

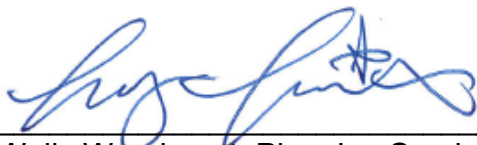
Motion carried by the following vote: Aye – Dement, Rick Stuter, Janice Esser, Tim Gau, Christina Monk, and Heidi Pettitt; Nay – none.

**Election of Officers:** Staff Member Wernimont reviewed the memo regarding the annual election of officers for the Commission. Motion to recommend approval to repeal Historic Building Code Motion by Monk, Second by Esser to approve the slate of officers, with Thea Dement as Chairperson and Janice Esser as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye – Dement, Rick Stuter, Janice Esser, Tim Gau, Christina Monk, and Heidi Pettitt; Nay – none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Dement, seconded by Esser to adjourn the June 20, 2024 Commission meeting. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye – Dement, Rick Stuter, Janice Esser, Tim Gau, Christina Monk, and Heidi Pettitt; Nay – none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wally Wernimont, Planning Services Director

July 18, 2024

Adopted