Osawatomie, Kansas. **March 31, 2022.** The Special Council Meeting was held at Memorial Hall located at 411 11th Street. Mayor Nick Hampson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Wright, Macek, Diehm, Dickinson, LaDuex, Bratton, Filipin and Caldwell. City Staff present at the meeting were: Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening, City Clerk Tammy Seamands, Assistant to the City Manager Sam Moon and Business Liaison Kari Bradley. Members of the public present were Doug Walker, Wood McDougal, Sarah Markwell, Tammy Mitchell, Ken Davis, Garrett Nordstrom and Mark Govea.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

powntown commercial Rehabilitation with Governmental Assistance Services reviewed that this public hearing is for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation category. A specific application to be discussed is the rehabilitation of a commercial building located at 525 Main Street. The proposed project will consist of demolition, roofing, exterior improvements, window & door upgrades, and miscellaneous appurtenances related to construction activities. The maximum CDBG grant request is \$250,000. The mayor asked if there were any comments. Sarah Markwell asked if the city would be required to pay any of that money back since it is a grant. Nordstrom told them no it does not need to be repaid. The building developer is required to match roughly 34% The total cost of the project is about \$340,000 and they building developer will pay the difference. This will not cost the tax payers any money.

Ken Davis representing Don's Barber Shop at 505 6th Street stated that the building his business is located in was built in 1890. He has been hesitant to make any improvements on his building because of the possible historic value. Davis asked since the building at 525 Main Street was built in 1926 will changing the doors and windows change the historic value where we would not be eligible for something some other time? Nordstrom replied that this grant will make historical improvements to the building but we are not clear at this time whether or not the historical society will weigh in or if this building is even on the historical registry. Davis is a renter and asked if his building could be considered for this grant. Nordstrom let him know that if the building meets the requirements for the grant the owner could apply.

The mayor asked a second time if there were any comments. Doug Walker stated that he is a downtown property owner and thinks that anything that we can do to improve any buildings on Main Street will help everybody on Main Street. Walker applauds the city for doing this. The mayor asked a third time if there were any comments. Hearing no more comments the mayor closed the hearing at 6:44 p.m.

OTHER DISCUSSION/MOTIONS.

Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Filipin to adjourn. Yeas: All. Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

/s/ Tammy Seamands
Tammy Seamands, City Clerk