

CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 1235

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MEMORIAL HALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF MEMORIAL HALL**

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Anna January, then President of the Board of Trustees of John Brown Memorial Park, she came up with the idea of a Soldiers and Sailors Memorial at the end of World War I. Planning for what was then referred to as “Victory Hall” began in 1918 with a successful local bond issue for the estimated cost of \$20,000. Victory Hall which we now know as Memorial Hall was completed and dedicated on July 4, 1921; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hall has been used heavily over the years as a meeting place, court room, concert hall, teen town and even as the first senior center; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Hall serves as a community gathering place connecting the new with the old and the past with the future it is only right and fitting that the City of Osawatomie help direct and lead a community effort to repair and renovate this “Grand Ole Lady”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Osawatomie applied for and received a \$50,000 grant from the Hawkins Foundation for the restoration and renovation of Memorial Hall; and

WHEREAS, the restoration project is expected to take three to four years and a project of this magnitude is best served by an advisory committee that is charged with the review and oversight of the restoration process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie hereby establishes the “Memorial Hall Advisory Committee”. Said committee shall be comprised of two members of the City Council and three members from the public at-large. Two additional staff members shall provide administrative support for the committee. Staff member shall be the City Manager or their designee and the building official.

SECTION 2. The Memorial Hall Advisory Committee is empowered to provide guidance to city staff with regard to design decisions for the restoration and renovation of Memorial Hall. The committee is directed to make those decisions with an eye towards preserving the history of the facility, improving ADA accessibility, and an overall improvement to the facility’s functionality.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie, Kansas, this 9th day of May 2024, a majority voting in favor of.

APPROVED and signed by the Mayor.

Nick Hampson, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Tammy Seamands, City Clerk