

CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS

RESOLUTION No. 890

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION A PLAN FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF MEMORIAL HALL AT 411 11TH STREET.

WHEREAS, the City of Osawatomie was incorporated in 1890 and over the course of the last 130 years has evolved into a full-service City serving its residents with water, wastewater, electrical production and distribution, parks, sidewalks, bridges, streets and alleys, as well as the development of several important historical buildings, including Memorial Hall; and

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."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie:

Section 1. The Governing Body hereby requests City Staff undertake the following actions.

1. Prepare a plan for the repair and renovation of Memorial Hall taking into account the current and future uses of the space.
2. In accounting for these uses also incorporate and maintain the historical elements of the building that make it a Community Icon now and in the future.
3. Present both a construction and financing plan that the City Council can consider by August, 2021 with renovation and construction to be underway in the following year.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE on this 10th day of June, 2021.

L. Mark Govea, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Seamands, City Clerk