

CITY OF SALEM PLANNING BOARD  
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Planning Board of the City of Salem was called to order by James Dickerson in the Municipal Building, One New Market St., at 6:30 PM. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reading of The Open Public Meeting Act: Notice of the regular meetings of the Planning Board of the City of Salem as required by Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act" has been provided by the Public advertisement of a schedule adopted by Resolution on January 19, 2017 setting forth the time, date and place of all regular meetings of the City of Salem.

**Roll call:**

**Members present were:** James Smith, Earl Gage, Cathy Lanard, James Dickerson, Benjamin Ford, Robert Lanard, William Sumiel, and Crystal Walker

**Members absent were:** Mayor Charles Washington Jr. and John Pankok

**Staff present were:** Edgar Hathaway – Solicitor, Uzo Ahiarakwe – Planner, Carol Wright – Secretary.

Crystal Walker was sworn in.

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and William Sumiel to approve the meeting minutes December 22, 2016. All were in favor.

Awarding of contract for Solicitor and Planner

It was moved and seconded by William Sumiel and Robert Lanard to award contracts to:  
Edgar Hathaway - Solicitor  
Tochi Consulting Engineer – Planner  
All were in favor.

**Nomination of Officers:**

**Chairman** – William Sumiel nominated James Dickerson seconded by Robert Lanard. All were in favor.

**Vice Chairman** – William Sumiel nominated James Smith seconded by Robert Lanard. All were in favor.

**Secretary** – William Sumiel nominated Carol Wright seconded by Robert Lanard. All were in favor.

**Official News Paper** – S J Times & Elmer Times – William Sumiel made a motion seconded by Robert Lanard. All were in favor.

**Meeting Dates, Time & Place** – William Sumiel made a motion seconded by Robert Lanard. All were in favor.

**Legal Counsel** – William Sumiel nominated Edgar Hathaway seconded by Robert Lanard. All were in favor.

**Planner** – William Sumiel nominated Tochi Consulting Engineer seconded by Robert Lanard. All were in favor.

### **Old Business**

It was moved and seconded by Robert Lanard and Cathy Lanard to approve Resolution #17-008 for 154 W. Broadway – Troy Dublin – Grandma’s Café. All were in favor.

### **New Business**

Informal discussion

Jesse Sandler – 37 Oak St. Mr. Sandler stated he owns 37 Oak St. he is a student at Salem Community College in the glass blowing class. The general consensus is to have a rooming house. The glass blowing class has increased in popularity it’s been taking off with interest and keeps expanding. The dilemma is every year there’s a crisis, students finding a place to live in the local area. The houses on Oak St. are run down or too expensive to operate. Earl Gage stated Oak St. is transitioning right now, some are restored and some are vacant. He has reservation on a rooming house. Opening a rooming house has greater responsibilities, would require permits to bring up to code because of population. It was suggested that the applicant do some research on rooming homes.

It was moved and seconded by Earl Gage and James Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. All were in favor.