

Village of Byron
Special Council Meeting Minutes - Corrected
March 28, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Musall

President led Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Bessenbacher, Cole, Miller, Musall. Absent: Brunell. Vacant seats: 2

President opened Downtown Informational Meeting and introduced Phil Hathaway, Town Plans, LLC and a retired City of Owosso Development Director who is working with Council in regards to the Downtown area after fire destroyed several businesses. A power point presentation was given outlining options for visioning a future for Byron, what that might look like, and listing what the advantages/disadvantages with each choice would be.

A polling of those in attendance as to preservation vs. site clearance options was conducted. A summary of his findings showed a mix between complete site clearance with smaller private developments to follow or to stabilize the block and evaluate historic preservation options. Streetscape improvements and riverfront restoration were deemed important inclusions to any plan adopted.

Available tools could include several funding sources but would require establishing a DDA and Brownfield authority. He would be willing to assist in this effort as well.

Marketing study needed to get loan/grants backed for any project. Phil will bring in a resource agent to show the options available and then will prepare a plan to submit for funding assistance. There would also be a local match requirement. Stressed importance of keeping property owners engaged and actively involved.

Materials including the power point presentation and a summary of the meeting will be posted to Byron.org website and Face Book to allow for additional feedback from the community.

President thanked Phil for his presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

James Crain – Clerk

Date

Rick Musall – President