



**Roll Call Number**

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**Date** April 4, 2022

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM RUETER FARMS INC. TO DEMOLISH THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS (IOOF) HALL 576 BUILDING (ALSO KNOWN AS FAIRGROUND HARDWARE) LOCATED AT 2951 EAST WALNUT STREET, PURSUANT TO DES MOINES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 58-70 HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, Rueter Farms Inc. has made an application for a demolition permit demolish the building located at 2951 East Walnut Street; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Des Moines Municipal Code Section 58-70, Historic Review, an initial review has been conducted by the Development Services Director has determined that the building is greater than 50 years old, is historically significant and meets the criteria for landmark designation set forth in Des Moines Municipal Code Section 58-58; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Des Moines Municipal Code Subsection 58-70(d), the application for demolition has been referred to the City Council for review at this regularly scheduled meeting and the owner of the building, Rueter Farms Inc., has been provided the required notice of this City Council review; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Des Moines Municipal Code Subsection 58-70(d), the City Council must consider comments from all interested parties and determine whether or not to refer the applicant for proposed demolition to the Landmark Review Board for further study and review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that all oral and written comments from all interested parties with respect to the proposed demolition of the building located at 2951 East Walnut Street, have been given full consideration.

**ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTIONS**

- A. The City Council hereby determines that the application for demolition of the building at 2951 East Walnut Street shall be referred to the Landmark Review Board and, in accordance with Des Moines Municipal Code Section 58-70(e), the Landmark Review Board is directed at regularly scheduled and/or special meetings of the Board to work with the owner of the building to determine within 90 days whether any alternatives to demolition are feasible.
- B. The City Council hereby determines that the application for demolition of the building at 2951 East Walnut Street shall not be referred to the Landmark Review Board and in accordance with Des Moines Municipal Code Section 58-70(d), the Development Services staff shall provide guidance for the owner to complete the requirements for documenting and photographing the building and for salvaging for re-use as many fixtures and as much material as possible from the building to the satisfaction of the Development Services Director prior to authorizing issuance of the demolition permit.

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MOVED BY Gatto and SECOND BY Boesen  
to receive and file all documentation provided by staff and all oral and written comments and documentation from all interested parties, and to adopt Alternative B above.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Judy Parks-Kruse

Judy K. Parks-Kruse  
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
SHEUMAKER	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

T. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk