



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM

ITEM: Ordinance 2023-58: Local Landmark Designation, 214 S. Charter Street	DEPARTMENT: City Administration
AGENDA SECTION: New Business	SUBMITTED BY: Callie Jo McFarland, Community Development Director
ATTACHMENTS: (X) ORDINANCE (X) OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	DATE: November 8, 2023

BACKGROUND:

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church in Monticello submitted an application to the Historic Preservation Commission, nominating the property for local landmark status.

The First Presbyterian Church of Monticello was constructed in downtown Monticello in 1906, and is late Gothic Revival style. The congregation and leadership have invested tremendously to maintain the historic integrity of the structure, which is the only remaining active church still within the downtown area.

As per Chapter 32 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, which dictates the Historic Preservation Commission duties and local landmark designation process, a public hearing scheduled within 60 days from receipt of the application. All adjacent property owners were notified by certified mail, as per statute and local ordinance. The Historic Preservation Commission met on November 7th and held the public hearing, where no concerns were voiced. The Commission voted to recommend approval of local landmark designation of this property, based upon the following criteria:

1. The property has significant value as part of the historic, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the community, county, state, or nation; and
2. The property has distinguishing characteristics of architectural inherently valuable for a study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.

The full statement of significance can be read in Exhibit A of the approving ordinance.

If approved, this would be the third local landmark designated within the City of Monticello. The City also currently has three historic districts on the national register of historic places.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve this Ordinance.