

Paola seeking bids for renovated downtown building

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PAOLA – The city of Paola is accepting sealed bids for the sale of the recently renovated building at 115 W. Wea St. near the southwest corner of Park Square.

The minimum purchase price is \$255,000, which City Manager Randi Shannon said the structure was appraised at following the recent renovation work completed by Legacy Contractors.

The building has been vacant since 2012, but it formerly was occupied by Shipman Liquor, and it was the original Kaiser furniture building in the early 1900s. Most recently, Thomas and Jennifer

Wright were working to rehabilitate the structure until their plans fell through.

In May 2023, the city deemed the building to be structurally unsafe for a number of issues, including bricks falling off the building, electrical service not meeting code, missing windows, holes in the roof, and the east side of the building leaning toward the alley.

Instead of being demolished, the structure was deeded to the city in an attempt to repair it and prevent damage to neighboring structures.

Last May, the city began working with Zingre and Associates and Norton and Schmidt Consulting Engineers on architectural

and structural drawings for the renovation plans.

A bid from Legacy Contractors was accepted to tackle the project. Shannon said the total project cost was \$396,020.89, which included \$13,965.15 to the Miami County treasurer for back taxes, \$350,696 to Legacy for renovations, and \$31,359.65 for the architect, engineering and brick cost share repairs with neighboring property owners.

Shannon emphasized that all of the funding for the project came from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The city is now ready to sell the building, and sealed bids can be delivered to Paola City Hall from now

until 4 p.m. June 3.

A pre-bid public site inspection is scheduled to take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 14.

Shannon said she's happy the building was saved.

“Regarding the project itself, I truly believe the City Council made the right call,” Shannon said. “Considering the building’s condition, the choices

were clear: demolition, leaving a gap in the downtown Square, or undertaking this repair to bring the property back into use and onto the tax rolls. It has been remarkable to see Legacy Contractors and the design team collaborate so effectively to revitalize this building and bring the project to completion.”



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The city of Paola has renovated the building at 115 W. Wea St., and it is now for sale, with sealed bids being accepted until June 3.

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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.;
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Smith, Pastor.

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— Paola Community Center, 905
E. Wea St., Paola. Bible Study
Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30
a.m.-noon. Ron Osborn, Pastor.
913-208-3585.

First Baptist
— 207 E. Wea, Paola. 913-557-
0239. www.firstbaptistpaola.com.
Sunday School for all ages 9:15
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Baptist Church**
— 301 E. Miami, Paola. Sunday
Service - 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Mark Smith, Pastor.

CATHOLIC
Holy Trinity Catholic
— Church and School, 501 E.
Chippewa, Paola. 913-557-2067.
htchurch@holyltrinitypaola.org.
Masses Sat. 5 p.m., Sun. 8 & 10
a.m. Rev. Joe Sellas.

CHRISTIAN
Paola Christian
— 302 E. Peoria, Paola. 913-294-
3284. Worship Services Sun. 10
a.m.

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First Lutheran
— 401 E. Piankishaw, Paola.
913-295-3476. www.firstlutheran-
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School & Bible Study 10:15 a.m.
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— 34868 Block Road, Paola. 913-
849-3344. www.trinitylcms.org.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9
a.m.; Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Joshua
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Paola United Methodist
— 209 S. Silver, Paola. 913-294-
3475. www.paolaumc.org. Worship
Services 9:30 a.m.; Faith Studies
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Sat. 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Reverend
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Plum Creek Global Church
— 319th & Plum Creek Road,
Paola. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.;
Worship 10:45 a.m.

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Hillsdale Presbyterian
— 22875 W. 255th St., Hillsdale.
913-783-4416. Worship 9:05
a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Lighthouse Church
— 1402 E. 303rd. www.
paolalighthouse.com. 913-294-
2400. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.;
Worship 10:00 a.m. Nursery
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Kirk Johnston, Pastor.

NONDENOMINATIONAL
Friendship Faith Ministries
— Full Gospel Nondenominational
Spirit-Filled. 602 W. Shawnee,
Paola. 913-294-2575. www.
facebook.com/friendshipfaith.
Church Service Sun. 10 a.m.; Adult
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Apostle LeRoy McConico Jr.
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7312.

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First Christian Church
— (Disciples of Christ) 602 N. First
St., Louisburg. 913-837-4760.
www.fcclouisburgks.org. Sunday
school (in person & Zoom) 9:30
a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.;
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Immaculate Conception Church —
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INTERDENOMINATIONAL
Faith Chapel
— 841 N. Metcalf, Louisburg. 913-
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com. Celebration Service 10 a.m.;
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a.m. Family Night Wednesday:
Free Meal 5:30 p.m.; Classes for
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Ministries Sun. 6:30 p.m. Jon
Clayton, Pastor

**Rutlader Outpost Cowboy
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KS 66053. 913-594-2908.
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p.m.

METHODIST
**Louisburg United
Methodist Church**
— 249 N Metcalf Rd, Louisburg
**913-837-2374, Sunday School
8:15 a.m.; Worship 9:30 a.m.:**
Pastor Kathy Symes

NONDENOMINATIONAL
The Porch Community Church
— 305 S. 2nd St., Louisburg. 913-
837-3787.

OSAWATOMIE
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Cross Point Church
— 112 Main St., Osawatomie.
Worship Service 9 a.m.

BAPTIST
Faith Baptist Church — Brown
& Retan, Osawatomie. 913-755-
2300.

First Baptist — 8th & Brown,
Osawatomie. 913-755-3483.

Victory Baptist — 212 E. Main,
Osawatomie. 913-755-4678.

CHRISTIAN
Church of Christ, Fontana
— 101 S. Lincoln. 913-849-3570.
Worship 9 a.m.; Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Instrumental.

Fontana Christian
— 38333 Hedge Lane,
Fontana. 913-937-6456. www.
fontanachristianchurch.org.
Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship
10:30 a.m.; Adult & Youth
Sun. Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
Pastor: Chris Shultz.

METHODIST
First United Methodist
— 504 Pacific Ave., Osawatomie.
913-755-4774. Sunday School
9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:35 a.m.;
Rev. Hyun Ju Gil.

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