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Planning Commission Meeting: January 26, 2026

Application:	<u>HL25-0001:</u> A nomination to the Olathe Register of Historic Places for 126 S. Cherry Street, located northeast of E. Loula Street and S. Cherry Street.
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Mr. Chet Belcher, Chief Community Development Officer, presented HL25-0001, the request to nominate 126 S. Cherry Street to the Olathe Register of Historic Places. He presented the location, directly east, across Cherry Street from the Johnson County Administration Building. Mr. Belcher relayed the building's history: it was constructed in 1938 as Olathe's original post office, later modified including changes to the roofline and side additions, then acquired in 1990 for the City of Olathe government offices, before being acquired by the current owners in 2010.

Mr. Belcher concluded that staff recommended approval of the historic landmark application with one stipulation.

Chair Janner opened the floor to questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Corcoran asked what benefits or advantages this designation meant.

Mr. Belcher answered that this City designation is ceremonial in nature, with recognition by a plaque. He noted that this does not put the property on the state nor the national registry, nor does it qualify the property for any grants.

Commissioner Corcoran asked to confirm the oversight is only with the City, not at the state nor federal level, and **Mr. Belcher** confirmed.

With no other questions, **Chair Janner** opened the public hearing, but no one was signed up to speak. Chair Janner called for a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Breen moved to close the public hearing, and **Commissioner Seeling** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 8 to 0.

With no further discussion raised, **Chair Janner** called for a motion on the item.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve HL25-0001 as stipulated by staff, and **Commissioner Seeling** seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 8 to 0 with the following stipulation:

1. Section 2.84.130 of the Olathe Municipal Code requires a Certificate of Appropriateness Review to be completed by City staff and the Olathe Historic Preservation Board prior to any permits being issued for the site, including but not limited to demolition, addition or other construction activity

Chair Janner noted it was nice to see the City recognizing and preserving history.