

MINUTES EDAP BOARD

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Bruce Stang called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Members present were Chris Stanley, Jean Soine, Gene Beavers, and Alan Habben. Also present was Renee Eckerly, City Administrator. Don Wiese and Don Pietsch were absent.

Motion was made by Beavers to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 EDAP Meeting. Seconded by Beavers and unanimously carried.

DISCUSS BLIGHTED PROPERTY ON MINNIE STREET

Eckerly reported on the Schmidt and Laplant properties on Minnie Street. Eckerly was contacted by Mr. Schmidt's family that the property is for sale and they are utilizing Doug Ruhland, Eden Valley. Previously there was interest in these properties for a roadway. The Board directed Eckerly to contact Pay Del Co. Eckerly will check with DEED regarding infrastructure grants. The Board discussed borrowing money to Pay Del Co. Eckerly reported that she is working with Bill Spooner, City Attorney regarding the Laplant property.

INCUBATOR/INDUSTRIAL PARK

The Board discussed that Pay Del Co may have a party interested in the land, but it is not platted and needs infrastructure.

PARKING LOT UPDATE (JOELS ENTRANCE/EXIT)

Eckerly gave a report regarding moving the alley entrance from behind Jimmy's Pizza to the west and making the opening 32 feet wide for both incoming and outgoing traffic. The cost of the entrance construction is estimated at \$6,000.00. Eckerly has spoken to the businesses on the block and they all felt this was a good improvement. With the alley opening moved and widened, it would allow Queen Bees to expand across the alley. Friederichs are discussing expanding and this would open up traffic flow. This would also allow the drug store to have a drive through which would bring people downtown. This could be argued either way for or against being economic development. The Board discussed that this does not fit the criteria and they would not be willing to pass a motion to give EDAP funds to construct an alley access. The Board would consider a Small Loan since the project is under \$10,000.00. The Board expressed that the businesses on the block should form a coalition and work with Corner Drug on the entrance and utilizing parking. If none of the businesses are willing to participate in the costs than it must not be a big need. Eckerly will contact Corner Drug and offer the Small Loan as an option.

Eckerly stated that according to the City Ordinance; any alley construction costs are assessed back to the abutting property owners.

ECONOMIC STATUS

This item was not discussed.

PAST DUE LOANS

This item was not discussed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.