

MINUTES EDAP BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Chris Stanley at 7:03 a.m. Members present were Mark Dingmann, Shawn Reinke, Len Gilmore, and Belinda Ludwig, Acting City Administrator. Don Wiese, Bruce Stang, and Wayne Nelson were absent.

Motion was made by Reinke to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2019 and August 20, 2019 EDAP Board meetings. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Gilmore to elect Stanley as Chairperson, Nelson as Vice Chair, and City Administrator position as Secretary. Seconded by Dingmann and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Stanley to set the EDAP Board meetings for 7:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month and to rotate restaurants. The only two restaurants currently are Hilltop and Queen Bee's. The City will call Queen Bee's before meeting to let them know we are coming. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF EDAP FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Motion was made by Rinke to appoint Chris Stanley, Bruce Stang, Len Gilmore and Chelsey Mueller, Shawn Reinke (alternate) to the EDAP Finance Sub-Committee. Seconded by Stanley and unanimously carried.

EDAP BOARD PARTICIPATION

Reinke explained that he wanted to hold discussion on whether the EDAP Board wants to participate more in the community on economic development, as the City searches to fill the City Administrator position. The Board would prefer to be proactive instead of reactive and as the Administrator gets a lead, the board would like to know about it sooner. Maybe the Administrator could give a member of the Board a call and together they could go for lunch and give a tour of the community picking the Board member that best fits the situation. The Board wants to and is willing to be more active.

ECONOMIC STATUS OF COMMUNITY

Discussion was held that Goldies was only open a week and closed. There has been interest in Ron & Judy's. Paynesville Township is finalizing the solar panel project.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION & REDEVELOPMENT

The Board discussed whether they wanted to move forward with Phase 2 option of the Downtown Revitalization. Comments were that this has been done before and the City needs to wait until someone is going to do something. Downtown is based on AMPI.

Motion was made by Reinke to take 75% of Phase 2 costs from EDAP Fund if the City will budget \$500,000 for development.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

Possibly the City should develop downtown around AMPI and go to them with a plan and be proactive. Maybe the agenda of the new Administrator is to be “attached to the hip” of AMPI and CentraCare.

Motion was made by Stanley that EDAP is not willing to move forward until there is a specific need. Seconded by Dingmann and unanimously carried.

212 GARFIELD AVE.

An email was received by Spooner that this property is in foreclosure and there is a Small Cities Loan remaining that would be behind the foreclosed loan. The City would most likely lose that money unless the City wants to purchase the property.

Motion by Reinke to let the property go. Seconded by Stanley and unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL

The Revolving Loan Report and past due loans were reviewed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.