

MINUTES EDAP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Wayne Nelson at 7:02 a.m. Members present were Mark Dingmann, Bruce Stang, Shawn Reinke, Len Gilmore, and Belinda Ludwig, Treasurer/Acting City Administrator. Don Wiese and Chris Stanley were absent.

Motion was made by Reinke to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 EDAP Board meeting. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION UPDATE

Ludwig explained that the Council would like the EDAP Board to have an active role on the hiring of a new City Administrator. There will be activities on April 21 and 22, 2020. On April 21st the Council would like the EDAP Board to assist with giving group tours of the City and with the interview process by conducting panel interviews. The EDAP Board would like a bullet point list of where to take the candidates. Potentially, Ron Mergen should be included to assist with tours of the parks. Ludwig will send a copy of the schedule to the EDAP Board members.

VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE

Discussion was held on what the intended purpose of a vacant building ordinance would be. It was stated that cities may have this ordinance to control blight and dangerous buildings in the City. There is normally a fee for the owner of the building. Some cities include both residential and commercial, while some are only commercial. Would current vacant buildings be included or grandfathered in? This ordinance would assist in knowing when there wouldn't be any water use at a property.

Motion was made by Gilmore to research other cities and do a comparison. Seconded by Reinke and unanimously carried.

HOUSING INCENTIVE

The City housing incentive was on the agenda to determine if modular homes would fit the criteria for the incentive.

Motion was made by Reinke that all owner occupied modular homes that fit the building ordinance on a new lot in the city would fit the criteria for the housing incentive. Seconded by Stang and unanimously carried.

ECONOMIC STATUS OF COMMUNITY

Discussion was held that C & S Towing has sold and they have a revolving loan. Criteria within the loan agreement includes that they are to increase the existing full time equivalent employees from 2 to 3 within 3 years from date of loan (July 1, 2017), and that they will commit to continue its operations within the City for five years from the date of loan. The loan is for the building. Bill Spooner is researching the criteria and will draft a letter to Craig Elfering and Stacy Larson. The EDAP Board is on board to allow C & S Towing to refinance the loan under their trucking company.

DAYCARE

Stang brought up the current status of daycare in Paynesville. He attended a seminar and discussed daycare being a universal problem. In some communities, churches are getting involving allowing for the use of a church during the week. Reinke stated that Swift County offers a grant in which daycare operators can apply for a grant to help them get established or assist in operating expenses. It was discussed having one in the industrial area and whether it would work for businesses to work together to build a daycare and their employees could then take their children there and the businesses could offer a subsidy whether it be paying a portion of the daycare or pay some of the daycare expenses and how this would affect current daycare operations or parents that don't work at these specific businesses.

PAST DUE LOANS

All revolving loans are currently up to date.

INFORMATIONAL

The Revolving Loan Report and past due loans were reviewed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 a.m.