

## **MINUTES EDAP BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Chris Stanley at 7:00 a.m. Members present were Mark Dingmann, Len Gilmore, Shawn Reinke, and Wayne Nelson. Renee Eckerly, City Administrator was also present. Don Wiese and Bruce Stang were absent.

**Motion was made by Dingmann to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2019  
EDAP Board meeting. Seconded by Nelson and unanimously carried.**

### **HOUSING STUDY**

Eckerly reported that the last housing study was completed in 2014 for \$12,500.00. The cost to update the study is \$9,500.00. The report can be used for Small Cities Grant applications or to help attract developers. The Board questioned if it is worth it or wait until there is a need so then it is current. For a grant it would be worth it. Eckerly will contact Stearns County HRA regarding applying for another Small Cities Grant.

### **212 GARFIELD AVE.**

Eckerly reported on the status of this parcel. The Board recommended to continue to watch this property. Spooner did an encumbrance report to see if there is a lot more owed than the \$10,686.64 on the foreclosure. The Board suggested to continue to watch and stay on top of the status of the property. As it sits right now, the City would lose the \$10,800.00 in Small Cities money because the City is in the last position.

### **TOURISM CAMPAIGN**

Eckerly reported that Cold Spring, Richmond, and Paynesville had a meeting on June 6, 2019 to see what the 3 cities could jointly work together on to bring people to our area. The conclusion was to work on tourism as none of the cities are doing it. No one on the EDAP Board wants to go to the July 16, 2019 meeting.

### **TOM OPATZ – SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENTS – TIF**

Eckerly reported that Mr. Opatz wants to construct a 40 unit senior living apartment building on the bare land owned by Pat Flanders, etal. near Community Park. The Board is open to a TIF district. The Board may need a special meeting to keep the project moving.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Laundry Service – CentraCare is outsourcing this service now. Ferche has land possibilities. Possibly employ up to 50 people.

New Library – Independent investors propose the City pay for the building and land. Investors will be meeting with the Great River Regional Library.

Ron & Judy's Restaurant will officially go up for sale on July 3, 2019.

### **DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The consultant the City hired is meeting with downtown business owners next week.

The Think Tank group met and people don't want to meet, they want to see action.

### **CITY WEBSITE**

It was suggested that the City's website list all available land with a picture of it and contact information.

### **INFORMATIONAL**

The Revolving Loan Report was reviewed.

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

If a special meeting is necessary, agenda items would include Lokken Subordination and Opatz TIF District.

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