

## **MINUTES SPECIAL EDAP BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 13, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Wayne Nelson, Vice Chairman at 7:00 a.m. Members present were Len Gilmore, Shawn Reinke, Mark Dingmann, and Belinda Ludwig, City Treasurer/Acting City Administrator. Bruce Stang, Chris Stanley, and Don Wiese were absent.

**Motion was made by Reinke to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020 EDAP Board meeting. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.**

### **SIGNAGE**

Reinke proposed that the City place a sign at the RV Dump on Lake Ave advertising local amenities.

**Motion was made by Gilmore to have Kristin Leither make up a few designs with input from Reinke and Ron Mergen. Seconded by Dingmann and unanimously carried.**

### **CHILDCARE GRANTS**

Reinke brought forward a draft resolution creating a childcare grant program. He would like to offer a grant program for those offering daycares as an incentive for childcare provider growth. His thought is to offer a loan that becomes forgivable after so many years and allow for a larger grant if the childcare provider is open extended hours. Everyone liked the idea, but Ludwig asked that it be put on a back burner until possibly after the first of the year due to staff shortages the City is currently experiencing.

### **CHAMBER BUCKS**

Reinke brought forward a plan to purchase chamber bucks for every household within Paynesville as a way to assist all residents from the impact of COVID-19. He originally was interested in using the City's COVID-19 relief money for this and it was determined that, that was not an acceptable use for that money so he is bringing this forward to use EDAP money to purchase \$60 worth of Chamber Bucks for each household which will help each household. And since the money has to be used within the City, it also helps the businesses within Paynesville.

Concerns were raised that this would take a lot of EDAP money and that some of the gas stations located in Paynesville are not locally owned, but rather corporate owned. It was asked how many households there are. Ludwig stated that there are approximately 1,000 households in water billing. This does not take into consideration the number of apartments within each complex. It was asked if the City could give households a credit on their water bill instead; however, this does not help the local businesses. It was also stated that this type of relief does not benefit the industrial businesses at all. Staff is to reach out to the corporate gas stations

and see if they take Chamber Bucks and try to get a solid count of households including occupied apartments.

### **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION**

Reinke is interested in the City applying for a grant to place an electric car charging station downtown to generate more people to come to the downtown area. Everyone thought this was a great idea and would like Bolton and Menk to continue with the grant request and to research downtown locations to place it.

### **EDAP BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Discussion was continued from the last EDAP meeting regarding the membership of the EDAP Board. After Dingmann consulted with the Township Board,

**Motion was made by Reinke to approve the EDAP Board membership as follows: 2 members from the City Council, 1 member from Township Board, 5 members at large that consist of 1 Chamber of Commerce member, 1 Pay-Del-Co member, 2 chosen from the Township Board and 1 chosen from the City Council. Seconded by Gilmore and unanimously carried.**

It was further decided that when the agreement is updated it will be sent to Dingmann to have the Township approve it, then it will go to council. It was further suggested that on the agenda sheets, put each member's position so everyone is aware of each position.

### **MOBILE HOME PARK**

Ludwig stated that this is still in the early stages but that the City has reached out to the new owner of the current mobile home park and he is interested in being a part of this process.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION UPDATE**

Ludwig stated that the interviews are scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The interviews done by the EDAP Board will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **ECONOMIC STATUS OF COMMUNITY**

The Eatery at 112 (formerly the Wishing Well) has received their liquor license and plans to open in October.

### **EXISTING LOANS**

All the loans are in good standing. The two City COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loans will start making payments in December.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.