

## **MINUTES EDAP BOARD**

**APRIL 19, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Stang at 7:05 a.m. Other members present were Bruce Stang, Gene Beavers, Don Wiese, Chris Stanley, and Jean Soine. Don Pietsch, and Alan Habben were absent. Also present was Renee Eckerly, City Administrator.

**Motion was made by Beavers to approve the February 15, 2011 EDAP Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.**

### **PROPERTY AT 120 HOFFMAN ST. W.**

Eckerly brought the property forward for discussion since the Board and City Council were previously interested in acquiring it for parking and/or Farmers Market type area. The property has been foreclosed on and is blighted. It was reported that the price has been reduced from \$34,900.00 to \$24,900.00. The Board discussed some opportunities for the property and that the need for parking has diminished. Joel Burr still owns the parking lot next to the property and the Board inquired whether Mr. Burr would be open to selling. The Board discussed whether the desire is a parking lot or an economic development opportunity to prepare the land for a retail business. Eckerly is to research demolition costs and speak to Joel Burr. This will be put on the next agenda.

### **EDAP MEETING SCHEDULE**

Eckerly will not be in attendance at the May 17, 2011 meeting. The Board set the next meeting to be on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at the Wishin' Well Café and to inform all Board members that they need to be in attendance.

### **ARMORY PROPERTY**

Eckerly reported on the history of last years meeting with the school, City and Credit Union. The current status of the property is that it could finally be declared surplus property by the military at the end of April 2011. Eckerly reported that she has been in contact with the school regarding the property. Congresswoman Michele Bachmann's office has also contacted Eckerly regarding the property. Eckerly was presenting the property for the Board to discuss for any economic development opportunities. The Board would like the process, especially the \$1.00 purchase requirement in writing from the military and then work together with the school. The Board discussed doing partial economic development on the land and part to the school, so some of the land goes on the tax rolls. The Board discussed that the City has other land out in this area that is for sale, but no price is set. The Board members are hearing frustration from people who may be interested in the land, but can't determine if it would cash flow with their project due to no price being set.

## **INCUBATOR**

The Board discussed that this is still a viable project. Eckerly reported there is money or loans available to help fund infrastructure. The Board discussed needing to know what Pay Del Co plans to use the property for. Stang will contact a Pay Del Co representative to attend the next meeting. Board discussed the Voss property that borders the Pay Del Co land and the need to make a decision whether or not the Board has any interest in the land before it is sold. The land would allow a road way from Minnie Street into the Pay Del Co property.

## **ECONOMIC STATUS**

Eckerly reported that at the Chamber meeting there were two new businesses that were opening and they would be at the May meeting. She also had representatives from Aflac visit and they are interested in hiring a representative and opening an office to serve a 60 mile radius. The Board further discussed the land that the city has for sale out by the airport. This is prime land for development but it has no price or price range set. The Board discussed that the infrastructure cost has been estimated by the City Engineer.

**Motion was made by Pietsch to urge the City Council to set a price or price range on the land for sale by the airport for economic development and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Stanley and unanimously carried.**

## **PAST DUE LOANS**

Eckerly reported that all previous past due loans are now current. She is working with a business and they will be paying both of their loans off in May 2011.

(Beavers left at 8:05 a.m.)

## **GERONIMO WIND ENERGY**

Stang will touch base with them.

## **BALLPARK**

The Board discussed the ballpark and will come to the City Council on April 27<sup>th</sup> to update the Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.