Lamberton EDA Minutes

July 8, 2019 ● 5:15 p.m.

The Lamberton EDA met in regular session in the city council room on July 8, 2019 with Board Members L. Sik, C. Stavnes, M. Bents, R. Arkell, B. Bartholomaus and L. Bittner present. C. Wetter arrived after the meeting started. Others in attendance were: Debbie Vollmer, Madonna Peterson and Steve Trachtenberg.

Chair Arkell called the meeting to order. On a motion by Stavnes, seconded by Bents the agenda was unanimously approved.

Steve Trachtenberg was present for Chasing Our Tails to discuss the Lamberton EDA proposal on the Industrial Park land. Debbie Vollmer opened by asking Steve if he had any questions or concerns on the proposal after reviewing it prior to the meeting. Steve went thru the proposal and had a couple concerns on the requirements. It was stated to Steve that this proposal was structured to help meet his timing in order to get started and the EDA/City to get possible grants for infrastructure. Steve was appreciative of the offer and would confer with his attorney and let the EDA know where he stands with this. It was stated to Steve that after consulting with council, that this is our best proposal at this time, but would entertain any counter offer that he would come up with. Steve thanked the EDA and would get back to Debbie at a later date.

Craig Wetter entered the meeting and was informed on the discussion with Steve Trachtenberg.

Sik moved and Bents seconded for unanimous approval of the June 10, 2019 EDA Board minutes.

Wetter moved and Bittner seconded for unanimous approval of the June 17, 2019 EDA special meeting minutes.

Vollmer discussed the status of the EDA business loans. After the treasurer’s report was reviewed, Wetter moved, Bents seconded for unanimous approval.

New Business was next. The US Bank building was toured by a couple EDA Members recently. It is a large building with some potential for a future business. The price on the building stands at $140,000 and the EDA feels that at this time money could be used elsewhere. It was discussed to hold off on any offer at this time ad wait it out. No other potential buyers are known at this time. It was discussed if the EDA wanted it to get a business in there that currently doesn’t exist or if the price was right to gain control of the building to eliminate it becoming a storage building for someone.

Vollmer informed the EDA that there has been 5 business responses for the cities grant so far in hopes that more come in.

With no further business to discuss, Bittner moved and Wetter seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All voted in favor, motioned carried.

The next EDA meeting is scheduled for Monday August 12, 2019 @ 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Bents, Acting Secretary