

Lewiston Economic Development Authority Minutes

January 28, 2013

The Lewiston Economic Development Authority met at 5:00 pm on January 28, 2013.

Present: Jon Nienow, John Stiles, Russ Buege, Larry Rupprecht and John Prigge

Absent: Sharon Trester

Others: Brian Moehnke

Meeting was called to order by Nienow at 5:05 pm.

Introductions. Larry Rupprecht has replaced Dave Sommer on the EDA Committee. Phil Kalms accepted to join the EDA committee. John Stiles agreed to another term on the EDA Committee.

Approve Agenda. Motion by Rupprecht and second by Stiles to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes. The minutes were reviewed. There are minor corrections to be made by Brian Moehnke. Motion by Stiles, seconded by Prigge per Moehnke fixing the minutes.

Financial Report. Moehnke gave the financial report. Russ Buege would prefer the old style done by Chris Giesen, Moehnke is looking into replicating his format.

Old City Hall Sale.

Brian Moehnke gave an update on the process; advertising with the Lewiston Journal had run two ads, and Post Bulletin had run one, with another coming out the day of the meeting. There has been some interest in the building, Gary Babcock had given a few tours and the office had received a few phone calls. Interest varies, and Moehnke will follow up with those who are interested over the next two weeks.

A discussion about what to do with the leftover money from advertising arose, as Moehnke felt the cost/benefit of running with another newspaper was not high and Nienow, who had a similar experience with the same paper felt the same way. It was decided to sit on the rest of the money and have the ability to rerun advertisements in the future if nothing comes of the March 4th date. Motion was carried unanimously.

The Ponds Project.

Brian Moehnke is hosting a meeting on February 2, 2013 regarding the possibilities of what the city can do with the old de-commissioned sludge ponds. Brian has invited representatives from the DNR, Lewiston Sportsman Club, Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District, the City, Yaggy Colby, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, & People's Service (Lewiston's waste water workers). The meeting has a goal to understand our options and determine our limitations, while producing information we can bring to the public, sooner than later. Jon Nienow voiced that he planned to attend the meeting.

Lewiston Trail Plan.

Brian Moehnke brought up a question regarding where the Lewiston Trail Plan was to Russ Buege and Larry Rupperecht regarding the phases of the plan, as phase three's grant's deadline is due in less than nine weeks. The Trails Plan has not been accepted by the City yet, and is therefore the EDA cannot apply for the grant. And even if it had been, the schedule would have to be revisited as the grant would have a completed date earlier than the plan has phased out.

Future Residential Development.

Brian Moehnke brought up that there is no new news, but he did notice there are very few, if any lots for sale in the City. This lead to a discussion about this being a deterrent in growth for our city and that the EDA will need to look into this in the very near future.

Other Business.

Brian Moehnke is meeting with MnDOT Highway Landscaping architect & program manager about improving the highway 14 corridor in the upcoming days.

Adjournment. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm, February 25, 2013

Nienow declared the meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Minutes prepared by Brian Moehnke