



Meeting commences at 5:02pm

In Attendance: Jon Nienow, John Prigge, Larry Rupprecht, Sean Sannes, Russ Buege

Unable to attend: John Stiles, Phil Kalmes

Others in attendance: Brian Moehnke, Dwayne Ostrem, Sharon Trester, & Barb Bartleson.

1. **Agenda Review:** The agenda will be floating as our guests arrive. Accepted unanimously.
2. **July Minutes Review:** Two name spelling corrections found, to be corrected. Accepted unanimously.
3. **Finances:** Budget for 2015 was brought up. Money set aside in a miscellaneous account, 3% increase in the professional expenses as well. Motion to accept budget set by Sean Sannes, seconded by Larry Rupprecht, unanimously accepted.
4. **Glover Lanes:** Dwayne Ostrem of State Security Bank arrives at 5:15. Dwayne provides background information regarding the Glover's standing. He asks for the EDA & City to release itself from the Glover mortgage so the Bank can speed through the foreclosure process and get the building on the market. Dwayne recommends for the EDA to seek its own council on the subject. Brian and Jon Nienow have been communicating with Jennifer Gumbel, the City Attorney, and she has advised to release our position on the loan. Sean Sannes voiced a motion to recommend to the Council that the City and EDA release itself from the second mortgage and UCC to State Security Bank. Larry Rupprecht seconded the motion. John Prigge voted for the motion to allow it to pass. Brian asked Russ Buege what his vote was, as he nodded his head but did not say anything. Post vote, Russ brought up his frustration of how the EDA and City handled the initial loaning process and received clarification on what occurred. Sharon Trester, sitting in for the next portion of the meeting, was able to provide some background information on the Council's decision as she was a Council Member then. Russ Buege's vote will officially be noted as abstained, however, we did visit his questions post-vote.
5. **Heartland Days:** The EDA voiced its' displeasure of lack of prominence in advertising of the EDA's donation to Heartland Days. Everyone was happy with the fireworks show itself, the turnout, and conversations had with the community and the EDA plans on supporting them again. Sharon Trester and Barb Bartleson explained the process of how the process of Heartland Days takes place. They are in their third year of helping run Heartland Days, and they are still finding out what works and what does not. They are limited in their time and there are about five or six people that plan out the week. A conversation about their connection with the Chamber of Commerce took place and the conclusion from this was they are looking to become

their own entity. Brian gave them information on how to form, and will work with them on possibly becoming a 501 C 3.

6. **Nature Preserve – Resolution:** A resolution to “request designation as a park of regional significance” to give opportunities to access State Legacy money, to be recommended to the City Council. Motion for recommendation put forth by Sean Sannes, seconded by John Prigge. Passed unanimously.
7. **Old Main City Hall:** City Council accepted on August 20th, a sealed bid. The bidder revisited the property and has put their purchase agreement on hold. They deemed the property too costly to repair at this time; however, they want to work with the City on grants and possible restoration efforts. Brian’s initial thoughts were that there are very few grants out there for this project, there are some loans but usually a 50% match from the owner is needed.
8. **Other Business:** Larry Rupprecht bought up a community forum for the Spring of 2015. The reasoning behind this is to gauge the community’s wants and needs for development purposes and general guidance. Larry is working with Winona County EDA on initial planning. The EDA is planning on supporting the project as needed at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm, set by Sean Sannes and seconded by John Prigge. Accepted unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 is accepted unanimously. Prepared by Brian Moehnke