



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

Members Absent: Phil Kalmes

Others in Attendance: Brian Moehnke, Sharon Trester via Phone Call

1. Agenda: Was approved unanimously with the addition of General Finances with Glover Lanes
2. November Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously, adding a P to Larry's last name
3. Heartland Days: Sharon Trester called via speaker phone; the discussion of fireworks cost were discussed. It will be a Friday Night show with family events planned before. The EDA approved unanimously to pay for the fireworks up to \$4,000 with EDA funds, as well as help control the advertising for the event.
4. Glover Lanes: The business is behind in repaying the RLF loan we have out to them. We hope to work with them in receiving our funds. We are on a wait & see basis with the business.
 - a. Finances: General finances were discussed, we have around \$80K in savings to invest in the redevelopment of the City.
5. Nature Preserve: Brian asked the EDA board how we want to approach planning the nature preserve. The costs vary with how we can do it. The consensus of the Board was to inquire the Winona County Planning & EDA departments to see exactly what they can do.
6. Old Main City Hall: Yaggy Colby provided a cost estimate for an exhaustive structural review for \$1850. The cost of insuring the building for a few years equates to the structural review. The EDA Board unanimously agree to use EDA Funds to pay for the study.
7. Highway 14 Corridor: There is a preparation cost that exists with this project. Scott Pass & Todd Carroll of MNDOT estimated this cost to be around \$3,000. The EDA approved to take on the cost for the project of around \$3,000. We are awaiting cost estimates. With this cost taken care of, the EDA recommends the City Council approve the formal resolution.
8. Branding of Lewiston: A short discussion of branding the city occurred. The EDA Board has asked to invite Natalie Siderius of the Winona County EDA to attend the February meeting.
9. Destination Medical Center: Brian attended a meeting and shared how the project is taking place and explained that Lewiston could feel the effects in the way of new housing, development, and tourism, but it may not be for 5 to 20 years.
10. Other Business
 - a. Unanimous approval of renewing our membership with Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Coalition.
 - b. The Trail Plan will be ready to present in February to be recommended to City Council.