

MINUTES OF LEWISTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

September 18th, 2017

Pursuant to do call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Lewiston EDA was held City Hall this 18th Day of September, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Beth Carlson, Bryce Lange, John Stiles, Russ Buege and Jon Nienow

Absent: Phil Kalmes

Also Present: EDA Director Rebecca Charles

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman J. Nienow.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REPORT: Spending remains unchanged from previous month. Motion to accept financial report was made by J. Stiles and a second by B. Lange, with all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: After reviewing minutes from August Regular and August Special meetings, Motion to Approve was made by J. Stiles, second by B. Lange, with all voting aye.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEWISTON – ALTURA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT JENNIFER BACKER

J. Nienow introduced Jennifer Backer, the new school superintendent for the Lewiston-Altura Schools. J. Nienow asked J. Backer to introduce herself. J. Backer stated that she has worked with many schools across the state. She wants the EDA to know that the school system is there to support the community with anything we may need. She hopes to attend these meetings as much as possible. J. Nienow also requested that she try to find someone to attend the next meeting and possible take the vacant seat on the EDA board. Would like to have someone in education on the board.

Introduced a new Coffee and Conversation meeting that will be held monthly at 7am. It will be attended by Administrators and School Board Members, all community members are welcome. It is a round table to discuss the school and what is happening in town.

CEDA UPDATE: R. Charles updated the board of an event she recently attended with People's Energy titled "Eat, Drink and Grow" at their facility in Oronoco. At this event she was introduced to a man by the name of Randy, who works with the Weinlesen Vineyard in Lewiston. They do weddings at their facility. She is unsure if they are making wine, but it states on their Facebook page that they have been growing grapes since 2006. She is working on setting up a meeting with them to discuss options for marketing and any other needs that they may have. R. Charles believes that this could become a destination location for the area.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: J. Nienow informed the board that he did go see Rick Speltz who said that he is very interested in hearing from the city and Wausau homes. R. Charles asked what

he was thinking of regarding price. J. Nienow stated to Mr. Speltz, that the city may be able to help out financially with the sale. He is very interested in working with us. R. Charles did say she would look at contacting Wausau homes about this new location.

R. Buege brought up the Fisher property. R. Charles and J. Nienow both expressed that they felt that this location would be better after the first two initial homes are built, due to the fact that Wausau Homes wants two lots donated to the project. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Daily are not able to part with just two lots as easily. The Speltz property is a better size for our start.

UTICA TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION UPDATE: R. Charles informed the board that the resolution has now been signed. The City Council will be meeting on the 27th and will give final approval.

HOUSING STUDY SELECTION APPROVAL: R. Charles has informed WSN that we have selected their Housing Study Proposal. At the City Council meeting on the 27th we will have their invoice presented for payment. The check will be mailed to WSN and the study will begin. R. Charles will also be preparing a press release for this item.

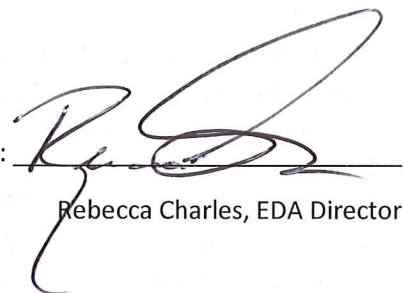
WALK-ON ITEMS:

- **Universal Industrial Gasses:** R. Charles asked J. Nienow if he had any update on the UIG project. J. Nienow stated that there is no new news from UIG. They have not said no, but have made no decision yet.
- **Rochester Area Builders Marketing Package:** R. Charles was contacted by a representative of the Rochester Area Builders Association regarding renewing the ad that the city had in the RAB Directory. After some discussion, a motion to advertise in this directory every other year rather than every year was made by J. Stiles with a second by R. Buege. with all voting aye.

ADJOURN: J. Stiles motioned to adjourn, second by R. Buege. Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 PM

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16th at 5:15 pm.

Meeting Notes Taken by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Charles', written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Charles, EDA Director