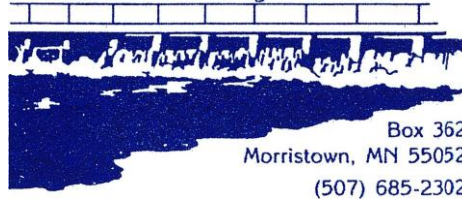


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MORRISTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

Present: Chairman Steve Nordmeier (SN), Chuck Larsen (CL), Kurt Wolf (KW), Tim Flaten (TF), City Administrator Michael Mueller (MM), City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Duban (LD)

Call to Order:

The EDA Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Nordmeier, on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:10 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, at 402 Division Street South.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda:

None.

Additions/Corrections to Minutes:

Motion by TF, seconded by CL, and was carried unanimously to approve the October 5, 2020 meeting minutes.

Citizens Comments, Questions or Suggestions:

None.

Old/Unfinished Business:

A. Dollar General Update - Mylers have been signed. MM is working with the county surveyor, recorder and property tax director to finalize the project.

B. Housing Discussion – MM noted five vacant lots along Thruen Street West and Sidney Street West were donated to Habitat for Humanity (HH) in 2011 and have been sitting vacant since. The EDA discussed wanting to see these lots developed and is considering purchasing them. MM had contacted a representative from HH. The representative noted that they attempted to sell these lots a couple of years ago for \$20,000 with no success. MM asked HH what the lowest price they would accept for the lots and they stated it would be up to the HH board. The taxes on these lots are approximately \$280/year/lot and starting in 2021 there may be a \$15/month/lot maintenance fee for the availability of water and sewer. The EDA discussed possibly purchasing the lots and offering them for free to homeowners and require that they build homes in a certain amount of time. This would increase the cities population and the collectable property tax. Motion by TF, seconded by CL, and was carried unanimously for MM to offer HH \$1,000/lot for 5 lots totaling \$5,000 which would be paid out of EDA funds.

C. New Development – MM noted that he had not yet complete the feasibility report. He had made contact with one contractor to see about getting an estimate on building homes on vacant

lots that the city could sell. He does not have any concrete numbers yet but will continue to research and contact additional developers. TF noted that the Water and Sewer Access fees had been reduced in 2020 to entice development. The EDA was unsure if the council had approved the reduction. MM was asked to find out how much Leon & Shirley Dahle paid for water and sewer hook ups in 2020.

New Business:

TF asked MM to research companies that could market the City of Morristown to find a gas station willing to locate along highway 60. TF noted that there are no places for semi-trucks to stop between Wanamingo to Mankato. The City could potentially offer tax credits to business interested in building in Morristown.

Adjournment: Motion by TF, seconded by CL, and was carried unanimously to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Next Scheduled Quarterly Meeting:

Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m

Minutes by Secretary Chuck Larsen
Transcribed by Lisa Duban, City Clerk