

MORRISTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, April 5, 2021

Board Members Present: Chairman Steve Nordmeier, Chuck Larsen, Kurt Wolf, Loren Dahle

Others Present: Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Duban, Tony Lindahl (Mayor)

1. Call to Order:

The EDA Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Nordmeier, on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:03 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, at 402 Division Street South.

2. Additions/Corrections to Agenda:

None

3. Additions/Corrections to Minutes:

Correction to January 4, 2021 minutes: Old/Unfinished Business: Habitat for Humanity lots: Seconded by Kurt Wolf.

4. Citizens Comments, Questions or Suggestions:

None

5. Old/Unfinished Business:

A. Possible purchase of five lots owned by Habitat for Humanity –Habitat for Humanity did not accept our counteroffer of \$1,500/lot for 3 lots. They are not willing to accept less than \$21,466 for all 5 lots. Nordmeier mentioned offering \$3,000/lot and wait. Larsen & Dahle expressed questions that needed to be answered first. The board would like to get attorney & realtor opinions. The board decided to not counteroffer until their questions are answered. The board would like the City Council's input as to how they want to pursue this and what legal problems could be faced. The board will sit on this until they hear from City Council and possibly the Zoning Board. Motioned by Dahle, second by Larsen to check into all questions that require no cost expenditure. Passes 4-0. Nordmeier moves to recommend that the council ask the city attorney for his opinion on this project as to the legality and risks. Seconded by Wolf. Passes 4-0. No cost expenditures include checking with Rice county on the status of title for the lots, find and review abstracts, and find a sample performance bond.

6. New Business:

- A. Handicap accessibility of arched bridge in the park Dahle wants a new handicap bridge. The discussion went to building a handicap platform. Loren moves to refer to the Parks committee to get cost feasibility for a new handicap dock, pier. Seconded by Larsen. Passes 4-0.
- **B. Farmer's Market** Dahle would like it moved downtown to make use of better parking and convenience. The board suggested that Dahle speak with Lisa Karsten who runs the farmer's market. Nordmeier agreed to speak with Lisa Karsten.
- **C. Right of Way Easements** Dahle was concerned about right of way easements and abandoned streets. Tony Lindahl mentioned that this is the responsibility of the City Council.
- 7. <u>Adjournment</u>: Motion by Chuck Larson, seconded by Kurt Wolf, and was carried unanimously to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

8. Next Scheduled Quarterly Meeting:

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.