

Lamberton EDA Minutes  
February 10, 2020 • 5:15 p.m.

The Lamberton EDA met in the city council room on February 10, 2020 with Board Members L. Sik, C. Stavnes, M. Bents, R. Arkell and M Peterson were present.

Chair Arkell called the meeting to order. On a motion by Sik and seconded by Stavnes to approve the amended agenda by adding solar garden and future EDA members. Motion carried.

Sik moved and Bents seconded to approve the December 9, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Peterson discussed the treasurer report and the status of the EDA business loans. Letters were sent out to all delinquent borrowers after our December 9th meeting. Since that time Schaffran made a \$300 payment towards being brought current as stated by Bill after the first of the year. The loan is currently 9 months in the arrears after the last payment was made. Sik said that he will talk to him about getting delinquent payments caught up. Mile's Auto hasn't made a payment since the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and is also currently 8 and 1 partial months in the arrears. Stavnes volunteered to contact him about his delinquent payments. It was discussed about the future process on sending letters. Peterson mentioned that she is capable now to send out invoices to late loans with the new program that she has now. It was thought that it would be a good reminder to send out invoices to delinquent borrowers. By weeks end a letter to delinquent borrowers will be sent out to get current and if not brought current to invite them to the EDA's next meeting to discuss their loan issue. Discussion on ACH payments for delinquent loans and future loan requests. It was mentioned that we should, as an EDA, to highly recommend and offer this repayment option. Peterson was going to get the exact cost on this for the next meeting. In January the City Council approved to write off Lamberton Meats loan as requested by the EDA. After all discussion, it was moved by Sik and seconded by Arkell to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business was next. No topics were brought up to discuss.

New Business was next. Bents informed the Board that it was brought to his attention about doing a Solar Garden in the EDA land west of town. There could be some benefits to the City and future revenue income. Stavnes mentioned that he was at a show in which he was next to some solar companies and talked about some benefits / rebates to the customer and revenue / lease income for up to 25 years. EDA members will gather some info from surrounding communities that have these solar gardens in order to get contacts for possible assessment of this. It was brought up that a previously contacted land owner by the EDA to swap land had some concerns on their property tax on land adjacent to the City of Lamberton. Contact will be made to see their concerns and reopen the potential land swap again. Arkell asked the EDA

about future Board member contacts. He had mentioned to Debbie Vollmer (previous EDA director) if she would be interested to be on the Board beings Craig Wetter would like to get off. She said that she would consider that. Arkell also asked the question of the plan of getting a new EDA director. Sik mentioned that the City is in the works of getting a plan together for this.

Other topics were discussed. No update or reply on the Hubert houses / lots. There was no update on the SDRC on the Lamberton Meats building. It was asked about the progress on Chasing Our Tails in Tracy and if it was still progressing. There has been some other business buildings bought and an addition to the Salmon Building. Stavnes gave an update on the US Bank building. He had contacted the realtor on the property to ask about an interest and was informed that the sellers were probably going to reduce the price.

With no further business to discuss, Sik moved and Stavnes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. All voted in favor, motioned carried.

The next EDA meeting is scheduled for Monday February 9, 2020 @ 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Bents, Secretary