

Lamberton EDA Minutes
July 13, 2020 • 5:15 p.m.

The Lamberton EDA met in the city office social distancing and others thru a go meeting ap on July 13, 2020 with Board Members L. Sik, M. Bents, R. Arkell, C. Wetter and L. Bittner were present. C. Stavnes and B. Bartholomaus were absent. Others in attendance were: Madonna Peterson

Chair Arkell called the meeting to order. On a motion by Bittner and seconded by Wetter to approve the amended agenda with the additions of SWIF letter to agenda and general business, Lamberton Hotel, Lingle / Marlow property and Southside Covenants to old business. Motion carried.

A motion by Bittner and seconded by Sik to approve the June 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Discussion was done. Wetter corrected the language on page two paragraph three from "Lamberton Lease" to "Lamberton Meats". An amended motion to approve the minutes was made by Arkell and seconded by Wetter. Motion carried.

Peterson discussed the treasurer report and the status of the EDA business loans. Delinquent loans at month end to Bill Schraffran and Matthew Leonard DBA Miles Auto. Outstanding amounts were \$345 and \$2,029.04 at month ending June with a payment of \$200 from Schraffran in June. A 60 day letter was sent out to both borrowers on July 6, 2020. Bents asked if in these letter the language of "we may be forced to proceed to enforce our rights to collect" was new this time. Peterson replied that it has been in all the delinquent letters. Bents asked if the city attorney had any guidance on late loan from our last meeting. Nothing new due to the Covid-19 with having personal contact with the borrower. It was motioned by Wetter and seconded by Bittner to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

No resolutions to approved at this meeting. Next was the election of officers for the year beginning August 2020 thru July 2021. Current President – Arkell, VP – Stavnes, Secretary – Bents and Treasurer – Peterson. It was moved by Wetter to approve the unanimous ballet and seconded by Bents. Motion carried. SWIF letter was next. Peterson informed the EDA Board that the SWIF was requesting to consider including a \$350 in our 2021 EDA budget for the SWIF for future investing in business. This is the Foundation that set up the Lamberton Foundation this past year. After some discussion and rescinding the first motion, it was again motioned by Arkell and seconded by Bittner to budget the \$350 in the 2021 EDA budget. Motioned carried.

Old Business was next. There has been no contact or response with the Huberts on their lots. The Lingle and Marlow lots were discussed. Marlow has decided to keep the lot with the garage on it and has lowered his selling price on the adjoining lot to \$5,000. This lot has a possible well on it or a decorative hydrant on it. It was determined to have further

investigation on the well or hydrant situation before we go any further on countering Marlow's \$5,000 offer in order to see if there would be additional expense for this lot. The Lingle lot is still being offered for \$1,000 but does have some buildings to tear down with possible asbestos in them. It was a decision to also get some removal and clearing of the lot expense before making an offer to Lingle. It was motioned by Sik to have Madonna get prices on clearing and disposing that lot. Seconded by Bittner. Motioned carried. Arkell updated the EDA on the feelings of the current residents in the new addition on building twin homes out there. He was able to talk to 3 or the 4 residents and all three agreed that as long as they met the current covenants and that they are used as 1-4 family residents and not rental properties that they would be ok with twin homes being built. Also it was recommended that maybe a committee should be formed to look at and rewrite the covenants for easier reading and future construction. (2) individuals were possibly interested in building twin homes, but Arkell was thinking one has moved on or has forgot about that idea.

New Business was next. Peterson had the USDA information on base acres and yields for one of the EDA parcels of land. Bents had requested by email if the EDA finalized our purpose and goals. Peterson supplied the information and Arkell asked Bents about his concern. Bents replied that it was answered with the information, but a question on if the EDA is interested in buying lots, who will hold the ownership. Peterson said that City is the likely source due to them having the ability to hold RE properties rather than the EDA. The EDA could purchase the lots and then get reimbursed from the sale.

The 2021 budget was supplied by Peterson for the EDA to think about before the next meeting in order to submit to the city council for approval. The recently approved SWIF \$350 would fall into the other contractual services for 2021. Next was the Board of Commission Opening letter that will put the community on notice that there is opening on the Library and EDA Boards. Peterson mentioned that the EDA position that is available is for Craig Wetter. Craig may reapply and be in consideration at the January 11, 2020 city council meeting. Also in the EDA packet was information on the Minnesota Small Cities Grant. Lamberton has been approved for \$782,000 in grant money. There will be a fall meeting for information and applications with approvals decided after that. The grant money's and construction will be for the summer of 2021 for those applications approved. It is a great honor for Lamberton to receive this grant for improving the city and increasing the tax base. Moving on to the CARES Act funding received for the City of Lamberton in the amount of about \$60,000 to be used for Covid-19 expenses. Peterson put the EDA members on awareness that if the City can't use all of the funds, that we need to get some ideas of using the excess somewhere probably on main street or the school for example. Brainstorm and bring ideas to the August EDA meeting.

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

The next EDA meeting is scheduled for Monday August 10, 2020 @ 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Bents, Secretary