

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall
April 27, 2020 4:00 PM

Present: John Peterka, Keith Emerson, Dave Zerr, Bonnie Schultz, Bruce Pederson, Ryan Peterson, Justin Dahlheimer arrives at 4:10 p.m.

Absent: None

Others Present: Angela Jacobson

Meeting called to order by John Peterka at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Peterson, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes Absent: Dahlheimer

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Peterson, to approve the general consent items, minutes, bills, treasurer's report. All Ayes Absent: Dahlheimer

OEDC: No money received. The OEDC is getting out of gambling and have disbanded.

Remaining funds will pay taxes and bills. The EDA will not be getting any funds going forward from the OEDC.

Schultz sat in on the OEDC meeting. The OEDC board discussed what to do with the ATM machine. They discussed selling it but did not want to sell it to the city.

Moving the booth at the Liquor Store upset the OEDC and didn't feel it was communicated to them.

Emerson stated that the VFW is willing to do pull-tabs at the Liquor Store. They would have 6 boxes for Bar-Op pull-tabs and 4 e-tablet machines. A POS system would need to be put in for pull-tabs. City rent would be 20% and 15% for electronic pull-tabs.

The EDA board would like the council to be aware that the EDA would like to see economic growth and would like to see some funds come to the EDA board from the VFW for help in the community. It was asked if the city representatives can have this information in the lease.

Schultz stated – The gambling rules are if money is generated from the Liquor Store (city entity) and the gambling organization cannot tell us where it can be given to. When funds are given to the EDA, they can recommend where they want them to go.

The council can talk during the budget discussion about extra funds from the rent could be transferred to the EDA to help if needed.

The EDA would like Emerson and Dahlheimer (city council representatives) to negotiate funds to go to the EDA from the city and VFW agreement.

EDA Requests: There is \$41,433 in the 400 fund.

Discussed holding back \$30,000 to pay for the Industrial Park bond for the next 3 years.

- Osakis Festival - \$1,500 for the parade and \$500 for Fun in the Park.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Zerr, to approve \$1,500 to the Osakis Festival Parade and \$500 for the Osakis Festival Fun in the Park. All Ayes

The EDA discussed reducing funding for staffing hours at the Visitor's Center this year due to opening later.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve \$1,200 for staffing hours at the Visitor's Center for 2020. All Ayes

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterson, to approve \$2,000 for the 2020 Fireworks display. All Ayes

The EDA discussed helping out the Billboard Group to give them a discount on paying for the ad.

Motion by Zerr, seconded Dahlheimer, to approve \$1,500 for the Billboard Group. All Ayes

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Emerson, to approve \$400 for Meals on Wheels. All Ayes

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Dahlheimer, to transfer the remaining funds of \$4,333 from the 400 fund to the 410 fund for business loans to help out businesses in need during this time and for future business needs and growth. All Ayes

Community Housing Applications:

- Robert and Mary Schultz – new dwelling at 19 Nokomis Street West.
- Allan Hanson – remodeling dwelling at 11 Central Avenue.
- Jacque Sorensen – remodeling dwelling at 605 Nestor Street East.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Peterson, to approve \$15,000 for Robert and Mary Schultz for a new dwelling on the property at 19 Nokomis Street West. All Ayes

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Schultz, to approve \$6,488 for Allan Hanson for remodeling the existing dwelling at 11 Central Avenue. All Ayes

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zerr, to approve \$10,000 for Jacque Sorensen for remodeling the existing dwelling at 605 Nestor Street East. All Ayes

The EDA reviewed the language for the Community Housing Program:

- Acquisition projects – add language – over \$50,000 only one bid is required.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zerr, to add the language to the Community Housing Program as stated above. All Ayes

OEDC Funding Applications:

- The EDA will not be accepting applications in June.
- The \$30,000 will finish the Industrial Park payment – With no money coming in, the EDA would not need to give out funds anymore which has been an issue to give out funds in the past.

Hotel:

No new information. This is on hold due to the COVID-19 environment.

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. All Ayes

Next meeting will be held May 25, 2020.

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer