

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall
July 22, 2019 4:00 PM

Present: Bonnie Schultz, Ryan Peterson, Keith Emerson, Justin Dahlheimer, Dave Zerr, Bruce Pederson

Absent: John Peterka

Others Present: Candy Bruder, Mike and Ashley Schrode, Travis Redetzke

Meeting called to order by Dave Zerr at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterson, to approve the agenda as presented and to re-order the meeting to address the others present first. All Ayes

Motion by Pederson seconded by Emerson, to approve the general consent items, bills and treasurers report. All Ayes

OEDC: The balance is \$0. No new monies.
\$500 was funded to the fireworks fund (400 Fund)
\$333 left and no one will be attending the OEDC meeting

VFW: Donations received from the VFW are listed below:

- \$834.26 was approved for the Police Department AED

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the donations as requested. All Ayes

EDA Housing Requests: EDA reviewed a request from Travis Redetzke who was present requesting more funds from the Housing Grant, because when he submitted the application the two bids weren't close and the lower bid was used to release the funds to him and he would like to use the higher bid from the Wiener Construction to do his work. At this point the EDA denied the request for more funds. They did give them the option to withdraw his application and resubmit it with two new bids, but at this point the funds are exhausted and the EDA could not guarantee that if he withdraws his application that he might not get any funds. So, at this point they are going to leave it as it is with the funds, he has already been approved for to be used for his project.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterson, to deny further funds to Travis Redetzke. All Ayes

Hospitality Marketers: No new news from the council.
Informed the EDA that a \$2,500 grant was received from the initiative fund.

Housing Development: Present at the meeting were Mike and Ashley Schrode who would like to have the city assist them in helping to develop a parcel of land to the west of the Galeon to provide more housing options for the citizens of Osakis. The council was inquiring on how many lots and the more lots

that they can get into this development the better it would be to keep the lot price down. An engineer has looked at their idea and drawn up 15 lots to plot. To engineer and to get this going the first bid was \$615,000 and the EDA feels like it would be better if they could get that cost down as much as possible to make this project a reality. The EDA is contemplating buying the land from the Schrode and then becoming the developer of the land to help promote the growth of the city. The EDA would like to empower Angela to discuss this idea with Jason Murray and Mike to get to a compromise to get this project done.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterson to instruct Angela to work with Jason Murray to work on a process with Mike and Ashley Schrode to enact city funds to start initial funds for development of these lots and to put a more exact cost on the per lot price. 5 Ayes and 1 Abstain (Schultz)

Items for Future Agendas: Dahlheimer mentioned that he has been in contact with our local representative Bill Ingebrigtsen to get some grants to the City of Osakis. He mentioned that Alexandria has received over \$10,000,000 from the State for parks etc. in the Alexandria area and why can't we get a piece of the pie at least a 10th would be nice. He mentioned that the Douglas County Trails could have some funds to be used in Central Park, called the Legacy Grants to get matching grant funds from the state to get something new done in Osakis. EDA gave Justin instructions to talk to Brad Bock about looking into this further.

EDA Budget: Dahlheimer was wondering if it would be feasible to become a part of the Alexandria Area Economic Development Area. Should Osakis reach out to Alexandria to get some representation in this group. The estimated costs to become involved in this group is \$10,000 a year and it would represent the portion of Osakis in Douglas County. The city has previously received monies from Douglas County but would like to be more involved in the Economic Development of the City. There is a contact Nicole and the city hasn't used her as an asset like they should. EDA wants to also know how they used Jason for free in the past and how to get his representation and how he directed things this way. The EDA feels like Nicole should come attend an actual City Council Meeting Budget meeting to see if spending this amount of money from the City would be feasible.

Motion by Dahlheimer and seconded by Pederson to have Angela contact Nicole to attend a City Hall Budget Meeting.

Also, a Thank You note was received from the winner of the Roddin Around the Lake participant that was picked by the EDA.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Pederson to adjourn the meeting at 5pm. All Ayes

Next meeting will be held August 26th, 2019.

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer