

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes – March 28th, 2022 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Tonya Danielson, Bonnie Schultz, John Peterka, Dan Wessel, Ryan Peterson, Justin Dahlheimer, Randy Anderson, Dave Zerr

Absent: None

Others Present: Lynnette Swenstad, Layla Rismoen

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

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Zerr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carries

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Peterson, to approve the general consent items, bills, treasurer's report and February 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion Carries

VFW: Motion by Zerr, seconded by Danielson, to approve the VFW donations to Car Cruzers for \$300, Senior Meals on Wheels for \$500 and Osakis Firemens Auxiliary for Easter Day for \$500. Motion Carries

Business Restoration: EDA discussed an application submitted by Layla Rismoen.

Rismoen commented on her new business of Rizzy's on the Lake:

- Asking for matching funds to help cover the expenses of a new sign, lighting for the sign, self-watering planters and plants.
- Property has not been used as a resort for over 20 years.
- Estimated costs for the project is \$7,758.00.

Schultz asked if this was store front renovation and should funding be approved for signage.

In the past, the EDA felt they had not approved funding for stand-alone signage and the program was designed for the downtown business area.

Rismoen explained that she wants to create a quality family resort. A cheaper sign would give a different feeling and hopes to redo the exterior of the existing buildings and new cabin in the future to create a nicer atmosphere.

Zerr – the EDA has not approved what Rismoen is asking to do.

Peterson and Dahlheimer agree that if approved, the form can be modified to include signs and language for sign maintenance.

There were concerns about funding for the planters.

Rismoen stated the planters will designate the parking spaces for the units.

The planters are on the street side of the property and will add beautification to the property.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Danielson, to approve \$3,500 for signage and planters to Rizzy's on the Lake at 2357 Lake Street East. Motion Carries

Business Restoration form: Language for signs and sign maintenance will be added to the form and reviewed at the next EDA meeting.

Ryan Smith: A few EDA members had talked to Smith and they all informed him of the same information. Smith needs to work on plans for his property.

Peterson said that Smith will be figuring out the lots and working on plans for the property.

Mick Miller: EDA reviewed the Sale and Purchase Agreement for the 5.9 acres.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Schultz, to approve a Purchase Agreement with Mick Miller for the 5.9 acres for the purchase price of \$50,471.00. Motion Carries

Shane Bay: EDA reviewed the Purchase Agreement for Lot 1, Block 5, of Murray's Addition.

Bay would be relocating his business (A to Z Repairs) from Alexandria to Osakis.

Bay reviewed the agreement prior to the meeting and questioned the rental agreement with Scott Baker and two dates that were in the agreement.

EDA would like to add – Build within 3 years or pay back the full assessment.

Dahlheimer commented that the Planning & Zoning will approve any building plans. Discussion of screening/fencing for Bay's business would be at that time.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zerr, to approve the Purchase Agreement with Shane Bay for Lot 1, Block 5, of Murray's Addition for the amount of \$19,893.00 and to add a clause that he is required to build within 3 years or pay the full assessment. Motion Carries

Shane Bay will need to be informed of the change.

Award Board: Schultz will hold the application until October when the EDA votes on the Award Board applicants.

Vacant Properties: The EDA discussed vacant properties for Habitat for Humanity to build a new dwelling.

EDA would like to see one house per year, alternating counties, if there are vacant lots to purchase.

Discussion regarding the issue that no one is applying for Habitat for Humanity housing. Feel they can't market because there is no land available.

Wessel commented that the applicants need to know that this is not free to them. There would be expenses.

The EDA members are supportive of Habitat for Humanity housing and will pursue to buy land.

The EDA discussed finding out where the city is at with condemnation for the Serger house. It was stated that the taxes are paid and the value of the land is \$11,400.

Serger's have been sent a letter regarding the inspection and improvements that need to be done.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Zerr, to offer to purchase the Serger property in the amount of \$7,500 to initiate city ownership. Motion Carries

EDA will talk to Jacobson to find out where the condemnation is at and if the EDA can put in an offer.

Peterson will contact Habitat for Humanity.

Hotel/Motel: Peterson talked with Michael Woll who works under Greg Hanis.

Woll is getting details of local businesses and is working on the report.

Old NAPA Building: The owner is willing to sell but wants \$100,000 for the property. This property is being looked at for a future parking lot for Community Center event parking and possibly to lease out spaces for the downtown apartments.

Discussion was held if the ground could be contaminated with the type of businesses that have been in the building in the past. Dahlheimer will talk to Paul Hartmann.

Withers Property: No new information

Motion by Zerr, seconded by Danielson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Motion Carries

Next meeting – April 25th, 2022

Lynnette Swenstad – Deputy City Clerk