

ELYSIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 6, 2020
ELYSIAN CITY HALL
7:00 PM

The Elysian Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Administrator Kopischke opened the meeting and administered the oath of office with Commissioners Robert Houlihan answering.

Present were: Commissioners Mack Evans, Robert Houlihan, Steve Ritchison, and Derek Westby; Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: Mary Opsahl.

Kopischke then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of President. On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, to nominate Mack Evans for President. All voting in favor, motion declared carried.

Kopischke then asked for nominations from the floor for Vice President. On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Evans, to nominate Derek Westby for Vice President. All voting in favor, motion declared carried.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Ritchison, all voting in favor, to appoint Lorri Kopischke as Treasurer.

Evans then took his place at the table as President and the meeting continued.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, the minutes of the December 5, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Ritchison, seconded by Evans, all voting in favor, the agenda was approved as presented.

Revolving Fund Loan financial information was discussed. Loans #2abc, #20, and #21 did not make a payment this month. All other loans are current. It was noted that the responsible party for Loan #15ab has paid their loan in full during the month of February. This will be shown on the report ended February 29, 2020 that will be presented in March. The EDA savings account balances are \$93,524.83 unrestricted and \$40,233.13 restricted. The balance has been reduced by the amount paid to demo the building on East Main Street. One half of that cost will be recovered through Loan #26 with payments commencing on October 2020.

On motion by Evans, seconded by Ritchison, all voting in favor, the financial report is accepted as presented.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to set the Regular Meetings of the Elysian Economic Development Authority for the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Commissioners discussed moving forward with the next Business Spotlight. The names of all the businesses who have not yet been the spotlight were placed in a container and a name was drawn. The business drawn was "James Bros Construction".

On motion by Westby, seconded by Ritchison, all voting in favor, that James Bros Construction will be the next Business Spotlight. The owner will be contacted, and an update will be provided at the March meeting.

The building located at 118 East Main Street has been demolished and all material removed. This spring three (3) inches of black dirt will be spread and the lot seeded. The deed will be transferred and revolving loan repayment for one half of the demolition costs will commence in October 2020.

Kopischke reported a meeting had been held with the Elysian Farmers Market Committee. The vendors stated that customers purchase food and then would like a nice place to sit there by the Tourism Center and enjoy it. It was suggested that a nice park bench there would complement the market. Commissioners thought a picnic table might be more accommodating. Staff was asked to obtain prices and also to negotiate with the Park Committee to possibly borrow a picnic table from the Lake Francis Park.

The Department of Natural Resources proposal to negotiate the conveyance of property along State Highway 60 to the City of Elysian was discussed. On motion by Westby, seconded by Ritchison, all voting in favor, to request that Council consider any possibility that the land could be procured in a means that it could be used for commercial purpose rather than recreational.

There were no visitor comments.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Attest:

Mack Evans, President

Lorri Kopischke, Administrator