

ELYSIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 8, 2018
ELYSIAN CITY HALL
7:00 PM

The Elysian Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Present were: President Tom McBroom; Commissioners Mack Evans, Mary Opsahl, Steve Ritchison and Derek Westby; Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: None.

On motion by Westby, seconded by Opsahl, all voting in favor, the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Westby, seconded by McBroom, all voting in favor, the agenda was approved with the following additions:

1. Discuss Conditional Uses in Highway Commercial District
2. Ad in the 2019 Le Sueur County Visitors Guide
3. Letter to Family Dollar Store

Revolving Fund Loan financial information was discussed. No payments were received from Loan #2abc, #6, or #10. There is \$136,345 in the EDA savings account. Of that amount, \$84,900 is unrestricted and \$51,445 is restricted.

Kopischke provided an update on the 118 East Main Street building. Ploog Electric has looked at the building but has not provided an estimate. Several contractors have been contacted regarding repair to the roof, but none have responded. The building inspector has expressed concerns with the foundation. Two quotes have been received to repair the foundation: SafeBasements of Minnesota - \$11,200 and American Waterworks - \$13,674. The gutters are still an issue.

The Commissioners discussed options for the building. One option is the demolish the building and use the lot for something else. It appears to be too small for a parking lot. One use would be green space where the Farmers Market and 4th of July activities could be located. A sign could be erected to memorialize the building. One bid has been received for demolition. Kopischke will obtain one or two more bids.

Resident input will be solicited via Facebook and the City newsletter. An open house could be scheduled to give residents a chance to tour the building. Public Works will be asked to repair the gutters.

The October 2018 Business Spotlight of the Month Plaque will be presented to the Knotty Bar & Grill on November 9 at 4:15 pm by McBroom and Westby. A picture of the presentation will be in the Elysian Enterprise next week and a story will be on the website by the end of the month.

There has been interest in purchase of the EDA property on State Highway 60 for use as a storage building. "Warehouse" is a use that is allowed as a conditional use in the zoning district. Commissioners discussed this use and the consensus was that they would prefer to see the property used for a business that would create jobs and economic growth for the community.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Evans, all voting in favor, to place an ad in the 2019 Le Sueur County Visitors Guide.

There was consensus to send an updated request to Dollar General to consider building a store on the available land on State Highway 60. Evans will compose and send the letter.

There were no visitor comments.

President McBroom complimented the EDA Commissioners and stated the team has done a lot of good things over the past year. He would like to see the group continue to move forward. He acknowledged that some terms will be ending and hoped that those Commissioners would choose to stay on the Commission.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Evans, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Attest:

Tom McBroom, President

Lorri Kopischke, Administrator