

OLIVIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The regular meeting of the EDA was called to order by Chair Baumgartner at 12:00 P.M. at the Olivia City Council Chambers.

Members Present: Cathy Baumgartner, Chuck Brown, Steve Dirks, Michelle Hanson, Jon Hawkinson & Tom McDonnell.

Present by Zoom: George Ebbers, from a private residence, Scott Tedrick, Renville County Register.

Staff Present: Mary Jo Halliday, Interim Administrator; Susie Lang, EDA Director

Others Present: Aaron Walton, City Attorney.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL

Motion by Dirks, second by McDonnell: to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion passes unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE March 22, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Brown, second by Hanson: to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2023. Motion passes unanimously.

OLIVIA OASIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Motion by Brown, second by Hanson: to approve an extension of the terms for an additional 18 months (to March of 2023) as outlined in Resolution 2023-01. Motion passes unanimously.

BAYBERRY COURT OPTIONS

Lang shared that she researched a few free listing sites and has determined that they are not the right fit or eligible place to post Bayberry Court for sale. A realtor with extensive experience listing larger multi-family housing complexes will need to be explored, if the board sees fit.

UPDATES AND RELATED ITEMS

The appraisal on the EDA lots used by Chrysler has been scheduled and will be completed later in the week. The following report could take up to two weeks. In a recent meeting with a local business and State Senator Lang, a case was made that DEED's programs don't take into consideration remote and sales-based workers who don't work from the facility more than 51% of the time. DEED is willing to change their rules, more detail to follow on that. Plaza West is under several remodeling projects and new tenants will be based out of there including the popular pop-up shop REV 320. A recent online housing meeting and housing open house was

hosted the County HRA/EDA and the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership. One interesting piece of information that came from the online meeting was that the \$200,000 “starter home” that communities have been asking for, no longer exist due to the costs of materials and labor. There was excitement from the board to explore what other housing programs exist and what role the EDA could play in addressing the housing shortage in the community. The City Administrator search is underway again with the firm South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC). The pool is moving forward with clean up and repair efforts after the February 8th fire, they hope to reopen in July. The DePue project will start up again in mid-April.