Members present: Don Johnson, Glen Wiens, Greta Alms, Brad Ahrenstorff, Al Davis

Staff present: City Administrator, Taylor Gronau

Others present: John Considine

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by President Johnson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Member Wiens moved and Member Alms seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting. The following vote was had and taken:

Ayes: Johnson, Wiens, Alms, Ahrenstorff, Davis
Nays: None.

Member Davis moved and Member Wiens seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting. The following vote was had and taken:

Ayes: Johnson, Wiens, Alms, Ahrenstorff, Davis
Nays: None.

New Business:

A. Economic Development Strategic Plan next steps

Members discussed implementation of the economic strategic plan. Those present agreed it was important to show early success and prioritized the following projects for 2020:

1. Marketing (plan, brand, materials).
2. Website offerings – commercial building inventory, local jobs posting, local business directory, local organizations directory/webpage.
3. Host a One Million Cups event.

Members also agreed business owners and other economic development stakeholders should be invited to the January meeting to discuss the projects.
Old Business:

A. Little Lakers Early Learning Center Childcare Forgivable Loan Program application

Administrator Gronau reported no updates on the status of the application. The center is still seeking additional private financing.

B. Benny’s Powersports project

Administrator Gronau provided an update on the project. The alley vacation and utility easement have been recorded. The warranty deed transferring the property is ready to be picked up.

Staff Reports:

Administrator Gronau reported the following:

1. Adam Huiras is still working on a 20-acre housing development and the City is exploring whether a Tax Increment Financing District could be used to encourage the development.
2. There are only 13 lots available for purchase by an independent buyer. There are an additional 20 lots that are undeveloped, but are owned by someone who intends to build a house on it in the next 3-4 years.

Financial Report:

President Johnson acknowledged receipt of the following information regarding the status of the EDA’s funds as of December 6, 2019:

- EDA Revolving Loan Fund $ 70,486.54
- MIF $ 215,952.41
- SCDP $ 15,674.67

Other Business:

Member Alms provided an update on the Madelia Community Hospital and Clinic pharmacy. The pharmacy plans to open in April of 2020.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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Don Johnson, President

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator