

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021**

Meeting was call to order at 6:52 a.m. by Chair Brian Hughes.

Members Present: Christine Black-Hughes, Anthony White, Brooke Wach, John Whittington, Jim Beal, and Brian Hughes. **Members Absent:** Dennis Terrell **Staff Present:** Jennifer Bromeland and Kerry Rausch

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's Report

- Administrator Bromeland presented the treasurer's report and explained that she is researching if the city will need to pay Blue Earth County for 50% of the sale proceeds of the parcel which Allied Overhead Doors purchased.
- John Whittington moved, seconded by Brooke Wach, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Offer Received for City-Owned Parcel
 - The meeting was closed as permitted by [section 13D.05, subdivision 3 \(c\)](#), to consider an offer received related to the City's parcels of land (R121018132011 and R121018132010) that are listed for sale along Parkway Avenue.
2. Review of Comment Sent to OMB Opposing Changes to the 2010 Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas
 - Jim Beal and Administrator Bromeland attended a REDA meeting, discussing the proposed changes to delineate metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas which would eliminate Mankato. This would negatively impact the region through more competition for funding. Businesses coming to region look at MSA's.
 - The Mayor and Administrator Bromeland sent a letter voicing the city's concern of cutting Mankato from the statistical area.
 - Federal elected officials understand this is not good for our region.
3. Multi- Single- Family Housing Development
 - Administrator Bromeland had an initial meeting with developers who are interested in developing multi- and single-family housing.
4. Miscellaneous City Updates
 - MetroNet will be installing fiber, voice, and video services in Eagle Lake. They will pay 100% of development costs. Communications with residents will be provided once details are established.
 - Bella House of Doodles will be building next to BorgsHomes Realty.
 - There has been interest in Gary Johnson's parcel.
 - CSAH 27/Agency Street reconstruction project take place this summer. Blue Earth County is leading this project and will pay approximately half of the cost.
 - New park equipment will be installed in the new Eagle Height's park and Lake Eagle Park. It is not anticipated that a new pavilion will be built this year.

- Music on Parkway for 2021 is being planned. The committee is working with the American Legion and Eagle's Nest with plans to hold the event on North 2nd Street. The Governor's executive orders will need to be followed. Tator Days is being planned as well as Rec on Go! and an outdoor moving night. Anthony White was thanked for his work on the ice rink.
- Jim Beal mentioned the City Council's consideration of connecting to Mankato's water system. He asked that City Council consider future needs as the city continues to grow. He also stated that the MCPA is looking at river cities, such as Mankato, and may require them to make upgrades to their water systems. Administrator Bromeland stated she has made initial contact with Mankato's City Manager and Water Superintendent.
- Residents may be impacted by MNDot's Highway 60 construction project this summer as Highway 60 will be closed.
- Changes to Casey's intersection will be made by MNDot in 2022 in which an R-cut will be constructed.
- Staff is working on storm water ponds maintenance with a consultant to improve quality-of-life issue for residents by reducing algae.

Meeting adjournment at 7:47 a.m.