

City of Eagle Lake Economic Development Authority Meeting  
March 1, 2018  
Council Chambers, 705 Parkway Ave, Eagle Lake MN 56024

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Brian Hughes at 7:04 a.m.

**Members Present:** Chairperson Brian Hughes, John Whittington, John Ries, Dennis Terrell, and Brooke Wach. Christine Black-Hughes was present via phone.

### **Approval of Agenda**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

### **Business**

1. Review and Consider Approval of Purchase Agreement for Sale of City Owned Commercial Lot (Block 1, Lot 3 Parkway Corridor) to Ben and Kim Daschner  
Administrator Bromeland referenced the proposed purchase agreement drafted by City Attorney Chris Kennedy of which the Daschner's have received a copy. EDA members expressed the desire to keep the two-year construction start and quarterly progress reports as part of the purchase agreement. It was also expressed that the Daschner's have a good track record with the city. Member Ries moved, seconded by Chairperson Hughes to bring the proposed purchase agreement forward to city council as written. Motion carried with all voting in favor. Christine Black-Hughes abstained from voting due to being present via phone.
2. Review and Discuss Blue Earth County Childcare Forgivable Loan Program  
Administrator Bromeland explained the Blue Earth County Childcare Forgivable Loan Program which will offer funds to communities under 5,000 in population to expand child care. Each city in Blue Earth county is eligible to receive up to \$35,000 to distribute. Cities would assume the liability if the loan goes into default. Each city can change parameters of loan to meet their needs. The funds can be used for new facilities or for improvements to existing home based or center-based facilities. Requirements for Eagle Lake can be discussed at the next meeting; no action is needed at this time.
3. Review and Discuss Legislative Platform  
Administrator Bromeland will be attending a Legislative Action Day on March 14, 2018. She has brief meetings scheduled with Representative Considine and Senator Frenz and will sit on the Coalition of Greater MN Cities meeting. Topics of interest for Eagle Lake were discussed and will be brought forward in those meetings.

4. Recap of Recent Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Meeting  
Administrator Bromeland stated she feels there is real opportunity to utilize REDA's resources to promote Eagle Lake. REDA will be a meeting with each city to get more information on what they have to offer. Bromeland would like to do a land inventory of available lots for commercial and residential properties.
5. Status of EDA Handbook  
Laura Elvebak with MN Valley Council of Governments is willing to work on updating our EDA Handbook as part of our membership with MVCOG. The EDA will need a couple of meeting for discussion purposes relating to this project. Christine Black-Hughes stated she would like there to be a clear orientation for new members.
6. Parkway Avenue Corridor Discussion Points
  - The status of the former BP Station.
  - The need to clean up and enforce city code relating to the storage of items outside of businesses.
  - The status of the development of the city's parcel located at the intersection of Parkway Avenue and Agency Street. Mr. Drummer's land interest has not materialized.
  - The possible desire to have city code address storefront uniformity.
7. Annexation Request  
Administrator Bromeland mentioned she received a call from a realtor for the property south of Kinder Morgan asking if the city would consider annexation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Denny Terrell moved, seconded by John Whittington to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 a.m. Motion carried.