

REGULAR DDA MINUTES

February 15, 2012

5:00 PM

Jack Smith called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Present: Chairman Jack Smith, Jessica Bills, Ed Smith, Tom Sawdey, Teresa Bonifield (arrive 5:30), and Mary Stanton(arrive 5:10).

Absent: Cindy Paletis

Also Present: City Manager- Doug Terry and Clerk, Susan Ballinger

Approval of Minutes – Ed moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting, supported by Jessica. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Teresa moved to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of 12, 571.15 seconded by Jessica. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Nederveld Presentation – Mr. Terry presented a proposal from the Nederveld Group which would provide professional consulting services to our downtown businesses for exterior and interior remodeling. After a lengthy discussion by the board members it was consensus of the board to have Manager Terry ask Mr. Pulaski of Nederveld questions to exactly what kind of grants/programs could the City of Litchfield qualify for and what type of businesses could benefit from this program. The board felt that many businesses could not afford some of the costs related to remodeling with the poor economy. Some board members felt that the funds that would be used reimburse Nederveld could be applied for façade loans and grants. City Manager Terry informed the board that he contact other communities to retrieve information related to helping businesses renovate their buildings.

Flower's Update – Mary informed the board that Raker's Acres will be supplying both the flower pots and the flowers. The only thing needed to be purchased is the potting soil. Manager Terry stated that when she is ready for the potting soil just let him know and he could have public works pick it up. Ed asked if the pots would have to be returned to Rakers at the end of the season, Mary stated she would check.

Historical Photos – Teresa Bonifield informed the board that she had received the photo's that are to be hung in the downtown. Teresa showed the photos and everyone was very pleased with the results. Teresa stated that we will have to have someone make some type of frame for each photo, because the photo's where not framed in the style that she thought. Manager Terry suggested calling George Gochanour for the framing.

New Businesses:

Jack stated to the board that he talked with a partner of Mid Star Homes and they have done very well in this last year. Jack thought it would be a good idea to have Tifa put some flyers in their offices of the lots for sale in Hawthorne Heights and the price of the lots.

2012-01 Façade Grant Application – New & Used Classic Auto Body – Jack stated that Mr. Burns is still working on his Façade improvements and that part of the front will be done in stone.

Bills for Approval - None

Manual Checks – None

Adjourn – Ed moved to adjourn, supported by Mary Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Ballinger, Clerk