

REGULAR DDA MINUTES

July 15, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Jack Smith called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. This meeting was held via telephone conference.

Present: Chairman Jack Smith, Ed Smith, Tom Sawdey, Mayor O.R. Smith, and Teresa Bonifield

Absent: Jessica Bills

Also Present: City Treasurer – Jill Barrett and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – Lauren Skelly

Approval of Minutes – O.R. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Teresa Bonifield. Roll call vote – 5 Yea's 0 Nay's 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Approval of Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expenditure Report – O.R. Smith moved to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Ed Smith. Roll call vote – 5 Yea's 0 Nay's 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Call to Public – None

Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Future of the DDA – City Treasurer, Jill Barrett, summarized two memorandums from the City's attorney one regarding the requirements needed to stay an authority and one addressed to the Council providing directions for disbanding the DDA if desired. Treasurer Barrett also summarized the attorney's opinion on whether the board could become a committee while performing the same actions; Treasurer Barrett's understanding is that Attorney Thomas Thompson's opinion is that the board could not become a committee of the City and give funds that come from the City's General Fund to businesses for private use. Chairman Jack Smith stated that he has been in contact with Lisa Miller, a consultant on the original 1998 DDA Master Plan. Chairman Smith stated he would like to have a meeting with former consultant Ms. Miller, now the Economic Growth Director for the City of Coldwater. Discussion was held regarding the necessity of a meeting because the attorney's opinion is that creating a TIF plan and revising the Master Plan will correct the deficiencies with the current plan. It was the consensus of the board that there were no objections to having said meeting and to move forward with the scheduling of a special meeting inviting Ms. Miller to be in attendance.

Bills for Approval – None

Manual Checks – A motion was made by Ed Smith to approve the manual check to Jean Edwards for the COVID-19 Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00, seconded by Teresa Bonifield. Roll call vote – 5 Yea's 0 Nay's 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Ed Smith moved to adjourn at 5:49 p.m., seconded by Tom Sawdey. Motion carried.