

CITY OF VERGAS EDA/HRA

Friday, April 7, 2021

11:00 am

Zoom Meeting

The City of Vergas Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) met on Friday, April 7, 2021 at 11:00 am on Zoom and at the Vergas Event Center with the following members present: Kevin Zitzow, Bruce Albright, Vanessa Perry, Paul Pinke, Austin Tegtmeier and Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers. Absent: none. Also present: Barbie Porter of Vergas-Frazee Forum.

Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Zitzow.

Approval of Agenda

Approve agenda with no additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Albright, seconded by Pinke to approve March 12, 2021 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Annual meeting was reviewed. Discussed businesses currently for sale: Vergas Hardware, Attic Shoppe, Cheryl Lynn's. Zitzow will check with presenters to see if anyone needs projector and provide.

New Business

Lammers questioned if committee would consider commercial property public abatement, a couple of interested future business owners have Tax Increment Financing District. When Lammers spoke with Otter Tail County, they stated if we were going to look at doing this for just one business it would be less time consuming to do commercial public abatement. EDA/HRA members encouraged Lammers to bring more information to review.

Construction permit fees have been waived on commercial properties with the following criteria:

Application to approved by the Vergas EDA.

Business increases employment opportunities.

Additional square footage to existing building or a new building is built.

This was approved for a 5-year period which has been completed. Do we want Council to extend? Motion by Tegtmeier, seconded by Pinke to recommend to Council to allow EDA to waive construction fees with the same criteria for another 5 years. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Meeting to discuss purchase of 105 E Main Street

Recording at City Office for 3 years.

Opened meeting.

Zitzow opened meeting and stated the EDA would like the sales information and request to move forward with a purchase order be provided to the Council in a closed meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Zitzow adjourned meeting at 12:30 pm.

Julie Lammers

City Clerk-Treasurer

City of Vergas

Council Recommendations

Hold closed meeting regarding purchase of 105 Main St. (After the meeting-City was notified, property has been sold-no Council action is needed.)

Continue for another 5 years with the EDA able to waive commercial permit fees.

Follow up Actions.

Lammers provide information regarding Commercial Tax abatement.

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