

CITY OF VERGAS EDA/HRA
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
11:00 am
Billy's Corner Bar

The City of Vergas Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) met on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 11:00 am on Zoom and at the Vergas Event Center with the following members present, Kevin Zitzow, Bruce Albright, Austin Tegtmeier, Paul Pinke, and Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers. Absent: Vanessa Perry. Also present: Barbie Porter of Vergas-Frazee Forum and David Morse.

Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Zitzow at 11:00 am.

Approval of Agenda

Approve agenda with additions of campground and county garage.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Albright, seconded by Tegtmeier to approve June 2, 2021, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Campground

Lammers provided campground ordinance with the EDA/HRA members. David Morse reviewed ordinance for a campground in Vergas and asked the committee if they felt there was a need for a campground in Vergas. EDA/HRA members stated they are supportive of a campground. Discussed the sell of City property on W Lake Street or the idea of making the property into a park. EDA/HRA members stated they would consider a park or selling the property.

Old Business

Development properties were discussed and Lammers provided maps of Scharf Avenue. EDA/HRA members stated they could use the large maps of the city to plan for future development.

Commercial Abatement for buildings with multiple use was discussed. Currently the City Council has approved abatement at \$5,000 or 5 years for new development of homesteaded homes or commercial buildings. Motion by Albright, seconded by Tegtmeier to request for Council to approve tax abatement for \$5,000 per housing unit and/or per commercial building or 5 years whichever is less per parcel. Motion passed unanimously.

2022 Budget request of \$7,000 has not changed.

New Business

2022 ERA and HRA goals were mentioned and the need to work with the comprehensive plan on deciding goals. Discussed the MN DEED Main Street Economic Revitalization Program grant which is due August 31, 2021. Members would like to keep this in mind for the future after comprehensive plan is complete.

2021 Budget

There has been no change in the revenue or expenses for the EDA/HRA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Julie Lammers
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas

Council Recommendations

Approve tax abatement for \$5,000 per housing unit and/or per commercial building or 5 years whichever is less per parcel

Follow up Actions.

Albright will speak with area property owners about possibility of land development.

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