

CITY OF VERGAS EDA/HRA
Wednesday, December 1, 2021
11:00 am
Vergas Event Center

The City of Vergas Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) met on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 11:00 am at the Vergas Event Center with the following members present: Bruce Albright, Austin Tegtmeier, Kevin Zitzow and Paul Pinke. Absent: Vanessa Perry. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lammers, Sherri (Cheryl) Hanson and City Attorney Tom Winters.

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

Approval of Agenda

Approved agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Tegtmeier, seconded by Pinke to approve November 3, 2021, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of Council Recommendations

Albright reviewed the Council's decision to deny the waving of Water and Sewer Accessory fees for commercial businesses due to both funds having negative balances and large expenses for repairs and upkeep on current infrastructure.

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Tegtmeier for the EDA/HRA to pay for the Water Accessory fees and Sewer Accessory fees for the following commercial businesses: S & Z Properties and Summers Construction for a total of \$3,000 to coincide with the mission of the EDA: The purpose of the Vergas EDA is to retain and promote businesses in our community and to add housing so that we prosper and increase the tax base keeping the City a vital community. Motion passed unanimously. Committee members asked Lammers to contact Barbie Porter of the Frazee Vergas Forum to do an article on EDA/HRA contribution to local businesses.

West Lake Street Bid Opening

Attorney Tom Winters reviewed the bidding process and opened the one sealed bid received from Josh Hanson regarding 310 W Lake Street for \$28,000.00. Members discussed the costs associated with the purchase of the property, removal of the house and the city contribution of \$8,000.00 to the EDA/HRA. Cheryl Hanson, broker for bidder Josh Hanson, raised the bid to \$40,000.00. Motion by Albright, seconded by Pinke to recommend to Council to accept the bid of \$40,000.00 for the city property located at 310 W Lake Street and sell property. Motion passed unanimously.

2021 Financial Update

Lammers reviewed income and expense worksheet regarding the EDA/HRA.

Old Business

2021 EDA and HRA goals were discussed. Members were asked to bring new goals to the January meeting where everyone will have a paper copy of goals to discuss. Lammers will provide comprehensive planning group with current goals.

Membership of the EDA/HRA is contingent on being a city property owner not living in the City of Vergas. League of MM Cities does recommend all committees with fiscal decision-making powers consist of city property owners and City Attorney Winters agreed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held January 5, 2022, at 11:00 am at Billy's Corner Bar.

Julie Lammers
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas

Council Recommendations

Approval of sale of 310 West Lake Street property for \$40,000.00.

Follow up Actions.

Lammers provide 2021 EDA/HRA goals at January meeting and the committee members bring ideas for 2022 to the January meeting.