

Vergas EDA/HRA
Vergas Event Center Council Chambers
2:00 PM on Tuesday, December 6, 2022

The City of Vergas Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) met on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Vergas Event Center with the following members present: Bruce Albright, Paul Pinke, Kevin Zitzow and Julie Lammers. Absent: Joy Summers and Vanessa Perry.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Zitzow.

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Approved agenda as presented.

Minutes

Motion by Pinke, seconded by Albright to approve minutes for the November 1, 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of Recommendations to City Council

None.

Financial Update

Lammers provided balance sheets for EDA/HRA, Veterans Memorial and Pickleball. Received \$25.00 from Give to the Max Day.

Old Business

Reviewed 2023 Housing and Economic Goals. (See attached goal sheet) Discussed lots on Eva Street and Diane Avenue which have been tax forfeited to the State of Minnesota. Asked Lammers to get financials regarding the properties. Motion by Albright, seconded by Pinke to have Lammers draft a letter to Senate and House representatives and the State of MN tax forfeiture division encouraging the sale of the lots. Discussed county garage property being turned into a parking lot and if city should invest in parking meters.

New Business

CEDA (Community and Economic Development Associates)

Lammers reviewed the organization CEDA, and members discussed pros and cons of hiring this firm to work with the City to enhance the EDA. Committee members were encouraged to review the information provided. Next month we will brainstorm goals we see them helping us with. We may invite representative to the February or March Meeting.

Give to the Max – Donations

Committee stated they would like this put on the agenda in August to begin looking at ways to promote raising funds for the Vergas EDA-HRA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Julie Lammers
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Vergas

Council Recommendations

None.

Follow up Actions.

Lammers to provide financial data regarding the 11 lots which have been tax forfeited.

Lammers with assistance from Albright will construct a letter to Senate, House and MN Tax Exempt regarding tax forfeited lots on Eva and Diane.

Add Give to the Max Fundraiser to the August meeting agenda.

Committee Members review CEDA information.

Lammers invite CEDA Representative to the February or March meeting.