

August 13, 2020
Economic Development Authority SPECIAL Meeting Minutes
MEETING LOCATION: Eyota Fire Hall or join us by phone or online

Eyota EDA Special Meeting, Aug 13, 5:30 pm
Thursday, August 13•5:30 – 6:30pm

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call: At 5:30 pm Dale Heintz called the meeting to order
A = Absent, X= Present, and O= Present online

Members:	X__ Dale Heintz	X__ Brian Halvorson
	X__ Craig Horan	X__ Tony Nelson
	X__ Jason Bandit	X__ Bryan Cornell
	O__ Tom Aleshire	
Staff:	X__ Cathy Enerson	Guests: None

2. Approve the Agenda:

Motion: Brian Halvorson motion to approve the agenda as written, Tony Nelson seconded the motion, and motion carried 6/0.

3. CARES Act City of Eyota Business Relief spending, recommendation to Council

The board reviewed a spending plan to assist local small businesses, non-profits, and the school with grants using the Federal C.A.R.E.S. Act funding that has been provided to the City of Eyota by the State of Minnesota. Among other uses the funding is allowed to be assigned to units of government, and or as loans or grants to small businesses. The County received the same type of funding and is choosing to make grants to small businesses effected by the pandemic. The board members were informed about the Olmsted County C.A.R.E.S. Act guidelines for the grants to small businesses and non-profits. The board discussed a less restricted use of the City's funding to assist Eyota's in-home businesses including the in-home child cares. *Motion was made by Brian Cornell and seconded by Craig Horan to recommend the following spending plan to spend the City's C.A.R.E.S. Act funding to the City Council.*

\$50,000 to be assigned for grants of up to \$1,500 for the City of Eyota small businesses, including for and non-profit businesses.

\$36,000 to be assigned for grants of up to \$3,000 to the City of Eyota licensed child care providers, both in-home and centers.

\$10,000 to be assigned for a grant of up to \$10,000 to the Eyota Ambulance

\$3,000 to be assigned for a grant of up to \$3,000 to Arbor Gardens Place

The remaining dollars will be re-assigned to the Dover –Eyota School District

4. Mask Distribution Plan, recommendation to Council:

The EDA Director had been informed the Rochester Chamber was going to be receiving masks to distribute to area businesses, the Eyota EDA Director contacted the Rochester Area Chamber, of

which Eyota EDA is a contributing member of, to inquire about potentially receiving masks to provide masks to Eyota's local businesses. The Rochester Area Chamber provided Eyota with 6,000 masks. The Director provided a mask plan for the board members to review and then make additional recommendations.

Motion by Brian Halvorson, and motion seconded by Tony Nelson to approve a plan to recommend to City Council the following distribution plan for the masks:

3,000 mask at (100 -200) masks per business

1,000 masks for Eyota's Ambulance

1000 masks for the school

1000 masks to City Hall for the City, Farmers Market, Parks, Public Works and for those that attending meetings, and motion carried 6/0.

5. EDA Updates about the Potential Industrial Park

Letter of Intent from the Pries Family to sell land to the City for highway street access, recommendation to Council

The board members reviewed the letter of intent from Keller Williams, which in the real estate firm representing the Pries Family, along with their letters of support to support business public infrastructure, which would include a city stub street on their land. The Pries will sell the City of Eyota land for the city stub street for \$1.00, closing August 31st. Terms include the City to survey and create a legal description that matches the drawings that were sent with the letter of intent to create a parcel for the road.

The board was in favor of moving ahead to secure the land and keep moving forward with the potential development of the area zoned industrial. *Motion by Tom Aleshire, and motion seconded by Craig Horan to recommend to the City Council to proceed with acquiring the land for the City Stub street from the Pries Family through their agent to allow the city entry of Highway 42 to the proposed industrial park, and motion carried 6/0.*

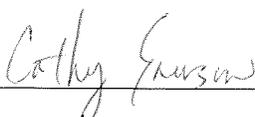
The Director provide an update regarding the progress of grant writing for Menards. The DEED business infrastructure (BDPI) grant has been mailed into DEED. The Director heard back from DEED there are limited funds, and the turn lanes will not be allowed to be funded by BDPI. The Director spoke with Menards who would like to proceed with the BDPI funds if they become available to Eyota and then continue to take their chance with the TED turn lane request. The Director has submitted information for MNDOT and DEED to be consider for TED grant funding for the turn lane. The next steps are to be invited to apply for TED grant funding. The BDPI grant application must be resubmitted removing the request for funding of the turn lanes,

Member Aleshire asked what the final profit was based on the sale of Arbor Gardens He asked what the profit is dedicated to. Tom Aleshire asked if the EDA or City have made plans to spend the Rochester Sales Tax money. The Mayor indicated the City will likely replace funding it used to subsidize the Arbor Gardens in the beginning, and should know soon what the balance looks like. The goals for the Rochester Sales Tax fund continues to remain to be used for funding for a potential pavilion/trailhead near the Legion, as well as to assist with commercial activities that attract new businesses to Eyota.

5. Next Meeting: The board will meet August 27, 2020 for their regular meeting to discuss C.A.R.E.S. Act funding, and the EDA budget.

Adjourn: At 6:35 p.m. Tony Nelson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tom Aleshire, and with no further discussion the board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


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Cathy Enerson, EDA Director Date


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Dale Heintz, EDA Chair Date