

**CITY OF MAYER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**

**Minutes
April 15, 2014**

Members Present: Scott Wakefield, Tim Duckworth, Tice Stieve-McPadden, Thomas Stifter and Erick Boder.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Luayn Ruch-Hammond, City Administrator

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Duckworth at 6:35 PM.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Boder to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of the Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Commissioner Stifter to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Car Show 2014

Commissioner Stifter explained that he was in the process of ordering 500 business cards, magnets and dash stickers to promote the car show. He is also having new signs made to place on the street the night of the show. On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Stieve-McPadden to recommend to the City Council to authorize \$500 in funds for advertising of the Car Show. Motion carried 5/0. EDA would like to survey businesses in the area to find out if the car show increased sales.

Discussion on the Creamery

Staff presented a quote for full demolition of the building in the amount of \$60,000 and a quote for tear off of the tin in the amount of \$3,200 and an additional \$2,400 for removal of concrete. EDA discussed both options and decided to not tear off the tin if they do a full tear down of the building then the tin section would be a part of the full demolition. Staff also asked about the fence and if the EDA wanted the fence down. EDA suggested using the STS to assist public works in removal of the fence. EDA is waiting for additional quote on removal of the building.

Discussion on Downtown Grant Program

Park Board has requested to partner with the EDA on a downtown beautification program. The City did apply for a Small Cities Grant that many businesses did not apply for. Further discussion about a forgivable loan program sponsored by the City or some type of tax abatement. EDA would like further discussion with the Park Board either a joint meeting or if they could be more specific on the goals and vision.

Other Business

Commissioner Duckworth inquired to the responses on the invitation to Mayer businesses on advertising during the Rising Community Festival. At this time the City has had no responses.

Commissioner Wakefield would like to change the meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month. On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Stieve-McPadden to change the meeting day of the week to the fourth Tuesday. Motion carried 5/0.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be June 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Stieve-McPadden and seconded by Commissioner Wakefield to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Motion carried 5/0.