

ELYSIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 4, 2021
ELYSIAN CITY HALL
6:00 PM

The Elysian Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Administrator Kopischke administered the oath of office with Commissioners Jason Dillon, Robert Houlihan, and Bryan Suemnick answering.

Present were: Commissioners Jason Dillon, Mack Evans, Robert Houlihan, Steve Ritchison, and Bryan Suemnick; Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: None.

Kopischke then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of President. On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, to nominate Mack Evans for President. All voting in favor, motion declared carried.

Kopischke then asked for nominations from the floor for Vice President. On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Dillon, to nominate Robert Houlihan for Vice President. All voting in favor, motion declared carried.

On motion by Dillon, seconded by Ritchison, all voting in favor, to appoint Lorri Kopischke as Treasurer.

Evans then took his place at the table as President and the meeting continued.

On motion by Evans, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

On motion by Ritchison, seconded by Houlihan, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda as presented.

Revolving Fund Loan financial information was discussed. No payments were received from Loan #2bc, #10, #20, #21. All other loans are current. The EDA saving account balances are \$98,220.39 unrestricted and \$47,234.01 restricted.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, to accept the financial report as presented.

At their December 2020 meeting, Commissioners voted to defer required monthly payments of existing revolving fund loans with no penalty until March 1, 2021 and to offer no interest operational loans. An extension of the deferral and no interest operational loans was discussed.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, not to extend the deferral or the no interest operational loans. Businesses are still encouraged to contact the EDA if they are experiencing financial hardship and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

At their December 2020 meeting, Commissioners approved the Elysian Bank as the next business spotlight. Elysian Bank was informed but has respectfully declined. The names of all the businesses who have not yet been featured as the business spotlight were placed in a

container and a name was drawn. The business drawn was “Trostem’s Shady Shores Campground”.

On motion by Suemnick, seconded by Evans, all voting in favor, that Trostem’s Shady Shores Campground will be the next Business Spotlight. The owners will be contacted, and an update will be provided at the next EDA meeting.

The platform that is utilized to support the Elysian website is no longer viable so the website will have to be rebuilt. Twin Lakes Design is no longer building websites. Four companies were contacted and all four submitted quotes as follows:

1. Lime Valley in the amount of \$5,600
2. Mankato Web Design in the amount of \$7,500
3. Minnesota Design Studio, LLC in the amount of \$1,350
4. Westback Marketing in the amount of \$1,488

Commissioners had reviewed the references provided and stated that the websites they viewed seemed comparable.

On motion by Houlihan, seconded by Ritchison, all voting in favor, to approve the quote for website rebuild from Minnesota Design Studio, LLC in the amount of \$1,350.

The Commissioners discussed the 2021 Elysian 4th of July celebration. They expressed an interest to meet with the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce or ask that the City Council meet with the Elysian Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss options to move forward with a 2021 celebration.

The Commissioners discussed the 2021 Elysian Dayz celebration and the benefits it would provide to the community and businesses. There was consensus to present the City Council with a letter of support for the celebration.

There were no visitor comments.

On motion by Ritchison, seconded by Suemnick, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Attest:

Mack Evans, President

Lorri Kopischke, Administrator