

Minutes of the City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota
Economic Development Authority (EDA)
Monday, November 9, 2020

1. The Hoyt Lakes Economic Development Authority (EDA) met on Monday, November 9, 2020, via Zoom/phone in due to COVID-19 at 7:17 p.m. Those present: Chairman Chris Vreeland, Commissioners: David Zins, Daniel Popp, Christine Peterson, Brian Ceglar. Also present: Attorney Mitchell Brunfelt, Rebecca Burich, Guests: Laurie Brunfelt, John Frederick– Colby Ridge Townhome Owners Association.
2. Moved by Commissioner Ceglar, supported by Commissioner Popp, to approve the meeting minutes of September 28, 2020. Roll call: Ayes: Zins, Ceglar, Popp, Peterson, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Attorney Brunfelt provided an update on the Boase School. He shared two options for the City obtaining ownership. The first option would be Boase LLC deeding the property to the EDA with a Deep of Conveyance. A title search would be run to ensure there are no liens or encumbrances. It was determined that there are delinquent real estate taxes in the amount of \$4,499.78 (this includes delinquent taxes from 2019 in the amount of \$2,359.22). The EDA would not be able to record the deed with the County Recorder unless delinquent taxes are paid in full and the bill would be the responsibility of the City if Boase LLC does not pay them.

The other option would be to let the property go in to tax forfeiture, however this process can take three to four years. The City would get the first opportunity to obtain the property after forfeiture. Attorney Brunfelt reached out to City of Eveleth Administrator to inquire how they handled the former Holiday Inn property. She shared that when it went into tax forfeiture, the County demolished the building and then the City was able to obtain ownership.

After discussion all Commissioners were in agreement to set up a meeting with the County Commissioner and St. Louis County Land Department to get further clarification of the tax forfeiture process. EDA Clerk Burich will arrange a future meeting.

4. Colby Ridge Townhome Owners Association member Laurie Brunfelt explained their request for Uniform Building Code Proposal and utilizing a Building Inspector. The Association has concerns of future homes being built to standards. Commissioner Zins shared that the Planning/Zoning Commission had a brief discussion at their October 20, 2020 meeting and were concerned on the cost of this to the City. Attorney Brunfelt shared that it would be up to the City of Hoyt Lakes, not the EDA, to determine a code for this request. Clerk Burich and Commissioner Zins will further research and present findings at an upcoming Regular City Council meeting.
5. Moved by Commissioner Ceglar, supported by Commissioner Peterson, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Roll call: Ayes: Zins, Ceglar, Popp, Peterson, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland
Chairman, Economic Development Authority

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca Burich
Clerk, Economic Development Authority