

**D.D.A. Minutes
January 14, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Bonnie Bare

Roll Call

Present: Judy Campbell, Cathy Hammond, Gary Langdon, Bonnie Bare, Ernie Meek, Julie Parks, Shelli Strand, Linda Vance

Absent: none

Also Present: Eric Wiederhold, Otis Stout

Public Comments

None

Approve Agenda

Motion by Gary Langdon to approve the agenda, **second** by Cathy Hammond

Voice Vote: All Yeas

Absent: none

Motion Carried

Approve Minutes

Motion by Gary Langdon to approve the minutes from November 12, 2018, **second** by Julie Parks

Voice vote: All Yeas

Absent: none

Motion carried

Approve Bills

Motion by Cathy Hammond to pay Rite Aid \$19.69, Christmas Designers \$141.65, Menards \$175.50, Power Source Electric \$875.00 and Compass Mineral \$250.00 totaling \$1461.84 **second** by Shelli Strand

Roll Call Vote

Voting Yes: Judy Campbell, Cathy Hammond, Gary Langdon, Bonnie Bare, Ernie Meek, Julie Parks, Shelli Strand, Linda Vance

Voting No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried

Treasurers Report

Bonnie mentioned we only had to review report

D.D.A.	Expenses	Income	Balance
T.I.F	Expenses:	Income:	Balance:

Motion to accept as read

Old Business

A. Streetscape update—many property owners showed up to speak their opinion Eric explained to property owners that this is a shared expense and it's been thought of for about 20 years or so. DDA wants property owners to be informed of this process.

1. **Paul Lee**—said that no one comes into his store to ask what he thinks about flowers, bump-outs, parking or how things are going. He would like to see communication between businesses and City; ask us and don't rush. He is on the verge of his business closing. Keep us informed before, not after a decision is made. Paul says No!

2. **Howard Whitlock**—better explanation of the “shares” and show the amounts. Grant 50%, City 25% and business 25%, how is the business share divided (by square footage or what). Eric explained it might be by linear feet. Not sure at this time. When it is time to sell his business he might give the City a good deal.

3. **Cindy Newman**—wants to be involved in discussions. Need to add parking back, know plans, prices, and concrete ideas. Every time something is done it gets redone.

4. **Jenniffer Singleton**—she wants customers, do things that bring people to Clio. She would like to see Clio bring back Bricks, Beer and Brats to bring people in. She said she put in 20 hours preparing for few customers for a 1 ½ hour Candle Lite. Find out what customers want to see in Clio

5. **Brad Anthony**—NO more taxes; this is more taxes coming to business. He sees this as an increase of his cost and decreasing his income. If City can't function on taxes than what's Clio doing

6. **Bob Swartwood**—feels anti-business in Clio, everyone needs to benefit. He has 1 parking spot, in the winter he has none because snow is plowed in the spot. Sometimes he has to go to customers home to get business done because of no parking. He would like to see progress. Taxation without representation (business pays taxes and most of the owners don't live in Clio so they get no vote)

7. **Mr. West**—no more taxes increase or higher assessments

8. **Charles Hilliker**—he stated that the State wanted to widen Vienna Rd by adding bump-outs but left few parking. Glad to see the north lights are fixed, snow plowing not done in a timely manner. Bump out issue might be something business might be interested.

***Bonnie explained the reason for inviting the business owners and thanked them for their input.**

***Linda Vance said all we want to do is reduce bump outs and the cost of lights to keep repairing the lights. Explained why the barrels are in the bump outs.**

New Business

A. Holiday Lights—discussion on getting a committee to report back to DDA on 25 poles (\$350-500 per light), lots of challenges—plugs , electric, lights. Committee is Linda Vance, Julie Parks, Bonnie Bare, Eric and Arnold.

B. Bump-out budget discussion—tabled until March 11, 2019

C. DDA Annual Report—Eric said we are required to submit an annual report pursuant to Act 197 of 1975. Two sources of revenue- 2 mil levy and tax increment financing. **Motion** by Julie Parks to accept the DDA annual report, **second** by Gary Langdon

Voice vote: all yeas

Absent: none

Motion carried

Staff Reports

Eric—Arnold has solicited bids for decorations. Arnold to get estimates on snow plowing

Otis--nothing

Champion Team Updates

Beautification: none

Building Improvements: none

Business Development/Economic Restructuring-vacant

Marketing/Promotion-*Gary Langdon* mentioned that Eric has put a lot of work into the Streetscape. DDA has looked into engineers and discussion and he thanked the businesses for being at this meeting. *Julie Parks* says she would like to see food trucks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting: March 11, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.