

**BELLE PLAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Economic Development Authority met in Regular Session at 5:01 PM on Monday, March 9, 2020 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Vice-President Fahey called the meeting to order with Commissioners Coop, Meyer, Pankonin and Doyle present. Commissioner Coleman and Krant were not present.

Also present was Community Development Director Smith Strack.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2020

Commissioner Fahey called for nominations for president.

MOTION by Commissioner Pankonin, second by Commissioner Meyer, to nominate Rick Krant as President, Lisa Fahey as Vice-President, Dick Coleman as Treasurer, Ashton Pankonin as Assistant Treasurer and Renee Eyrich as Secretary. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

4.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 10, 2020.

MOTION by Commissioner Meyer, second by Commissioner Coop, to approve the regular session minutes of February 10, 2020. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4.2. Work Session Minutes of February 10, 2020.

MOTION by Commissioner Meyer, second by Commissioner Coop, to approve the work session minutes of February 10, 2020. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. TREASURERS REPORT.

5.1. Approval of Bills.

MOTION by Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Pankonin, to approve the treasurer's report. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. BUSINESS.

6.1. Façade Grant: 129 Meridian Street North – Michelle McLellan – Salon 129.

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained Michelle McLellan owner of a property at 129 Meridian Street proposes a re-covering of an existing awning with a basic clack fabric and similar lettering. Smith Strack explained da ROSE loan project match is proposed for a one to one match with a potential grant amount of \$725.00.

MOTION by Commissioner Meyer, second by Commissioner Coop, to approve Resolution 20-002 a Façade Grant for 129 Meridian Street North. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6.2. Discussion – Follow up from Work Session with Developers/Builders/Realtors/Finance

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained she continues to have discussion with developers, builders, realtors and financial businesses regarding the discussion from the February workshop. Smith Strack noted positive feedback regarding potential for closing the gap with grant funds.

Commissioners expressed some concern regarding the market and the potential negative affect it could cause on our already low lot inventory.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

7.1. Commissioner Comments.

No comments were made.

7.2. Director's Update.

Community Development Director Smith Strack highlighted her report noting the joint venture with the Chamber of Commerce to host a Business Expo on May 13 at the Downtown Plaza.

7.3. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Regular Session, 5:00 pm, Monday, April 13, 2020.

Commissioners were reminded of the next schedule meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION.

MOTION by Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Pankonin, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM.
ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary