

CITY OF MT. MORRIS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
September 17, 2015
1:30 P.M.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Don Lemmon.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular meeting minutes of August 20, 2015.
3. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - a. **Letter of Resignation from Jan Engler.**
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Shirley on Outdoor Solutions.**
 - b. **Banners.**
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Montrose VFW Park.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
7. **DDA MEMBER COMMENTS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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THE MEETING!**

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Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2015

At **1:30 p.m.**, Chairperson Don Lemmon called the regular DDA meeting to order.

PRESENT: Joyce Bartos, Mark Brigolin, Shirley Corcoran, Jan Engler, Don Lemmon and Dorothy Lindsey.

ABSENT: Matt Gunn, Jay Lanphear, Dan Lavelle and Adam Martin.

OTHERS: City Clerk Tema Lucero, DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dorothy Lindsey and seconded by Shirley Corcoran, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 16, 2015.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. VA Park.

Chairperson Don Lemmon said he has not been able to make contact with Jay Lanphear regarding the VA Park due to Jay going through some health issues. It is up to the board if they would like to continue moving forward or put it on the back burner.

Joyce Bartos said she would like the board to continue to gather information and resources for help with getting the park in place.

City Clerk Tema J. Lucero said the next step would be to take it to council to see if the City and or DDA would purchase the land.

Shirley Corcoran will talk to Outdoor Solutions to see if they would be able to help with sketches and ideas.

b. Banners.

Chairperson Don Lemmon asked when the board would like to see the banners changed, the board along with DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach decided that November 16th worked for everyone.

Shirley Corcoran requested a letter be prepared for the September meeting to then hand out and sell through October in order to have them hung in time.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Parking Lot Signs.

Chairperson Don Lemmon said that his daughter has a U of M student willing to create the stencil for the parking lots, it will take a couple weeks to complete due to their schedule. Fairhaven Auto Parts will donate the paint. Once the stencils are done he will contact everyone to set up a time to paint the parking lots. No objections.

b. Open Discussion.

Joyce Bartos commented on Dancing in the streets, she had a lot of people asking her where certain things were going to be and a place to get breakfast foods. She would like to get with the committee that puts it on to help with suggestions for next year to make it easier on everyone and promote it better.

After discussion the board had several ideas in ways they could offer to help with the next Dancing in the Streets, Chairperson Don Lemmon will get with the Mayor to find out when the meetings are so the DDA can attend and offer help and ideas for the coming year.

Mark Brigolin mentioned he would like to see the City purchase part of the Southwest Property for a City Park. Parks really help when promoting communities, he requested the topic to be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

DDA MEMBER COMMENTS:

Joyce Bartos – Thanked everyone for listening, there are lots of ideas for getting people into town.

Shirley Corcoran – Thanked TJ for her hard work and help with the DDA, wished her well on her new job.

Dorothy Lindsey – Said the same for TJ. Also, she would like to get a list of all the organizations in the city, instead of them all working individually she'd like to see them work together when it comes to events like Dancing in the Streets.

Jan Engler – Said it has been nice working with TJ and wished her well. She also made the board aware this is possibly her last meeting too, she is moving to Kentucky.

City Clerk TJ Lucero – Let the board know this was her last meeting, she has enjoyed working with them.

Chairman Don Lemmon – Thanked TJ again for everything, she will be sorely missed. Wished her the best.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2:43 p.m.**

Tema J. Lucero, City Clerk

Dear Chair, City Clerk, and Members of the DDA:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community of Mt. Morris City. Even though it has been for a brief time, I have enjoyed my time on the board and working beside you.

As of October 1, 2015, I will be moving out of state. Therefore, I will not be able to fulfill my responsibilities and obligations to the board as a resident of the City of Mt. Morris.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Dr. Jan Engler

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