

CITY OF MT. MORRIS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

June 15, 2016
1:30 P.M.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Don Lemmon.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular meeting minutes of May 18, 2016.
3. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - a. None.
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Memorial Day Wrap up.
 - b. Downtown Landscape Sign.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. 2017 Banners.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
7. **DDA MEMBER COMMENTS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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THE MEETING!**

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Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2016

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

PRESENT: Don Lemmon, Lou Templeton, Boyce A. Judkins, Shirley Corcoran, Dorothy Lindsey, Adam Martin (arrived at 1:42), Joyce Bartos, Matt Gunn, Tim Elder and City Manager Elena Danishevskaya.

ABSENT: Tim Hacker.

OTHERS: City Clerk Kristina Somers, and DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dorothy Lindsey and seconded by Tim Elder, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2016.

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Strategic Planning.**

City Manager Elena Danishevskaya let the Downtown Development Authority know that she is putting together results and comments compiled to take to Council, then will bring results back to the DDA for review.

- b. **Revenue/Expenditure Report.**

After discussion, no motion was made.

- c. **Downtown Landscape.**

After discussion a motion was made by Joyce Bartos, and seconded by Lou Templeton to place a sign in downtown landscape, that states "Funded by DDA, maintained by the City of Mt. Morris DPW."

___ 9 ___ Ayes

___ 1 ___ Nay
(Tim Elder)

___ 1 ___ Absent
(Timothy Hacker)

Motion carried.

Budget, and dimension of the sign will be brought to next meeting for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **City Sign Ordinance.**

After discussion no motion was made.

b. Memorial Day Parade.

After discussion Don Lemmon stated that the DDA will be meeting to go over Memorial Day float planning, and building at his residence.

c. Joyce Project.

Joyce Bartos discussed the DDA purchasing the Family Salon Building that is currently for sale for \$50,000. The back of the building has a tenant that is paying rent, and the Historical Society could rent the front of the building. The parking lot across from the Family salon, is also for sale for \$59,000 to use for downtown parking. Would like the members to think about this for next meeting.

Joyce Bartos would like to see the DDA earmark some funds for advertising the 150th Celebration. There is also opportunity's to use inner city signs for free advertising. Would like to bring the topic back at next meeting.

A motion was made by Joyce Bartos, seconded by Adam Martin to earmark \$700 of DDA funds for advertising the 2017 105th celebration.

____9____Ayes

____0____Nay

____1____Absent
(Timothy Hacker)

Motion carried.

d. City Welcome Packet.

City Mayor Boyce A. Judkins discussed the interest in a City of Mt. Morris "Welcome Packet" and presented an example received from another community. Members of DDA stated that there was a packet in the past, would just need to be updated. Adam Martin is going to bring the packet to the next meeting for review.

Shirley Corcoran and Joyce Bartos like the idea of updating the business listing, would like to put together a "welcome wagon" to do meet and greets with the new businesses in the city, and the DDA starting a Facebook page. DDA would like the Facebook postings, and notices put on each monthly meeting agenda for review.

A motion was made by Shirley Corcoran, and seconded by Lou Templeton to have Tim Elder publish a Facebook page for the DDA, discussion on posts to be determined at next meeting.

All Ayes.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Boyce A. Judkins introduced new business owner Bret Daniels, of Arura Spa.

Bret Daniels let the DDA know of the services that the Spa offers, Soft opening set for June 1st, and a Grand opening is planned for June 4th.

Dan Lavelle discussed updates from Arnold Amusement, for a carnival during next year's 150th celebration. Let the DDA know that the banner will be available for float before the Memorial Day float. Let DDA know that he is working on getting an 8x4 temporary sign to show the community the funds collected for 150th celebration fireworks.

DDA MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Boyce A. Judkins discussed the sign ordinance, Veterans Memorial Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 28 at 8:30am, and the city clean up that will follow Memorial Ceremony, at Baterbee Memorial Park. Informed DDA that the community churches meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month, public welcome.

City Manager Elena Danishevskaya let the DDA know that she will add selling 150th merchandise here at City Hall, to City Council meeting agenda for next meeting.

Adam Martin discussed his attendance for upcoming DDA meetings, and how happy he is with all the great ideas.

Don Lemmon stated he is proud to lead the DDA, great work by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2:37 p.m.**

Kristina K. Somers, City Clerk