

**CITY OF ALGONAC
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Council Chamber, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac
Algonac, MI 48001
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A special meeting of the Algonac Downtown Development Authority was called to order on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman James Harris. The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chuck Bayly, Vice-Chairman
Art Bryson
James Harris, Chairman
Mike Mentz
Diane Strevel
Eileen Tesch, Mayor

Absent: Michael Musto
Pamela Rappa

Others: City Manager Alexander,
City Council Member Bird,
City Clerk Greenia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DDA #01-01-17 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bryson supported by Bayly to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Downtown Development Authority Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT**DDA # 01-02-17 Approval of Financial Statement and Accounts Payable for the Period Ended December 31, 2016**

Motion by Bayly supported by Strevel to receive and file the financial statement and accounts payable for the period ended December 31, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS**Discussion of Possible Repurposing of Chamber Building**

City Manager Alexander reviewed his memo regarding the repurposing of the Chamber Building with the DDA. It has basically been vacant for 6 to 7 years. He indicated that he had it cleaned out and freshly painted and it had been opened prior to the meeting as indicated in case any of the DDA Members wanted to look at it.

Discussion was had and DDA felt it was a good idea to try and get someone to use this building. Different thoughts regarding possible uses included a coffee and doughnut shop, possible kayak and bike rental, possible use for the Walpole Island Indians to bring some of their things over and sell them, a bait and tackle shop, some type of business that may be a good fit fishermen, boaters, anyone who may be using the water and/or park facilities.

City Manager Alexander suggested that perhaps whoever was awarded the lease may want to make some minor improvements such as a window in the building overlooking the water and/or and a deck on it as well.

DDA # 01-03-17 Creation of RFP for Chamber Building

Motion by Bryson supported by Bayly to approve the RFP for the Chamber Building located at 1396 St. Clair River Drive as presented with the addition of "Uses must conform to building and zoning regulations". Motion carried.

DDA # 01-04-17 Prioritize Expenditures of Remaining Funds

Motion by Bayly supported by Strevel to prioritize the remaining expenditures of the DDA money as follows; to pay \$2,650 to Discover The Blue, pay \$500 for the ad for the Antique Boat Show and to pay \$3,750 for the proposed light pole banners and necessary brackets. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

City Manager Alexander stated that they would need to meet to review the RFP's for the Chamber Building. A date of March 15, 2017 was agreed upon.

Chairman James Harris announced his resignation from the DDA as well as the Dangerous Building Commissions and gave City Clerk Greenia a letter regarding this.

ADJOURNMENT**DDA # 01-05-17 Adjournment**

Motion by Bayly supported by Bryson to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

James Harris, Chairman

Cynthia Greenia, City Clerk