

RDC Minutes, March 17, 2022

The meeting took place on the 2nd floor of BG City Hall. Members present included President, Matthew Kochevar, Secretary, Cathy Chappell, Nathan Rinks, and Pete Piazza. Vice President Liz Lamping did not attend, nor did Rob Challis.

Next on the agenda is resolution 2022-01, Conflict of Interest Disclosure regarding Pete Piazza. A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to accept and seconded by Matthew Kochevar. The motion passed. One copy goes to the Clerk Treasurer and a copy for President Kochevar.

The minutes from the February 2022 meeting were presented. Nathan Rinks made a motion to accept, and Pete Piazza seconded. The motion was approved.

The docket was presented next. The amount due to Peters-Franklin was \$2286.83 and the amount due to Lewis-Kappes is \$598.00 for a total of \$2884.83. Cathy Chappell made a motion to pay the amounts quoted, the motion was seconded by Nathan Rinks. The motion was approved.

Mr. Jeff Peters, the RDC financial advisor gave the 2021 Annual Report. During 2021 the RDC spent right around \$706,000.00. A list of all the allocated areas is included. This included projects around Beech Grove and professional services and the bond payments. Mr. Peters recommended the information be circulated between Mayor Buckley and the City Council. At the start of 2022 the RDC had roughly \$915,000.00 in their account. A motion was made by Matthew Kochevar and seconded by Nathan Rinks to accept the report. The motion carried.

Mayor Buckley spoke briefly about the Hornet Park Trial. He asked the RDC to consider paying for 1/3 of the design and engineering costs. The maximum amount would be \$125,000.00. Cathy Chappell asked Mayor Buckley if the school furnished the land, but did not want to be involved financially, would he ask the RDC to split the fees 50-50. The mayor Buckley said he would have to think about that option.

Secretary, Cathy Chappell said there was little to report about a possible amphitheater. At the February meeting at CrossRoads a second location was mentioned. It is a building on the NE corner of 3rd and Main. The property management company has been contacted but nothing further has been done. Another meeting will have to take place regarding information about an amphitheater in Sarah T. Bolton Park.

Sam, one of the owners of the Safeway property approached the podium with some information on the status of the property. They closed on the property in March and now have the keys. He mentioned the horrible condition on the inside. Thirty barricades have been placed around the parking lot in hopes of blocking vehicles being abandoned. A company was selected to do a market feasibility report and an environmental management company will check for remediation needs.

President, Matthew Kochevar said the city council is considering electronic participation. More information will be available at the May council meeting.

Mayor Buckley approached the podium again and gave additional information on projects. O'Garas has purchased and remodeled what used to be the "Spotlight Theater." At the present time, the owner is not sure what the facility will be used for.

The mayor reminded the RDC members there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new police station at 11:00 am April 1.

Thompson Trail is still scheduled and the peanut roundabout at 25th and Churchman is scheduled for the latter part of 2023 or into 2024.

A motion was made to adjourn by Pete Piazza and seconded by Nathan Rinks. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 7:34pm.

Respectfully,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary