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RIVER FALLS BID
April 12, 2016 meeting minutes
Foster Room, City Hall, 222 Lewis Street

CALL TO ORDER– Joleen Larson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Members present: Joleen Larson, Kerri Olson, Chris Blasius, Mike Pepin, Amy Halvorson, Mike Miller and Lori Moran. Absent were Terry McKay and Jennifer Burleigh-Bentz.

Staff present: Amy Peterson, Assistant Community Development Director and David Hovel, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Meeting Minutes

The March 8, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion Halvorson, second Moran to approve the March 8, 2016 meeting minutes, motion carried.

Financial update

Olson presented the financial reports. The 10% contingency of \$82.50 was paid to Gentz Family Barbershop, which they greatly appreciated per Olson.

- The financial reports were reviewed. The checking account balance as of 3/25/16 was \$59,694.42, there is \$26,812.82 of pending obligations for 2016 to date, funds available for grants are \$32,881.60.

Grant requests

There were no grants requests.

Larson informed the board of a possible future request from NCCM, Don Eastman for signage for a foundation being started by NCCM. Also discussed was a possible request by 3 Schweet Sisters.

Other Business

- There has been a request for a cigarette receptor to be placed on or near the corner of Walnut & Main Streets. Tattoo Shop presently has a pail set out with sand in it. Discussion followed on where the receptors should be placed, do we inform businesses that they could request them, what if all the businesses on one side of the street request them, who will empty them? Should the BID require the businesses to cost share for the receptors so they have a vested interest in maintaining them? Halvorson suggested that the BID buy 10 of them and the business owners would be responsible to clean and maintain them. Motion Halvorson, second Blasius to purchase 10 pyramid receptors for Main Street, motion carried. The post card that is to be sent out by the BID board would include a section on the availability of receptors that businesses could request in front of their businesses.
- An update on the banners was given by Larson. The banners are being made with some art being rejected, looking for a photographer to take pictures of some of the art.
- Second Street Gardens update, plants have been delivered just waiting for warmer weather. Sandy Bowen, the garden club leader is still in Arizona.
- Terry McKay submitted some photos of murals done by a Steve Delaitsch, which were reviewed. The board liked the murals and it was agreed to have McKay contact Mr. Delaitsch and request a colored scaled drawing of a mural for Charla Kusilek's building located at 209 N. Main Street. It was discussed that the Downtown Design Review Committee will need to review and approve the mural also.
- Blasius presented the RF High School's "Community Service Day" program to the board. It is a one-time service day to teach the students about doing something to make the community a better place. The students will give two hours of their time on one or both days. It was discussed that the student project could be to clean up Main Street and the surrounding streets in the downtown area. After

discussion it was decided that Miller would contact the school and reserve a day and explain to the school what needs to be done.

- A thank you was received from the CAB board for the grant they received.
- Hovel stated that he had contact Kevin from China Moon about the availability of funds for façade improvement for their building.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is May 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Foster Room, city hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Olson, second Pepin to adjourn, motion carried at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hovel, Building Inspector