

**Zumbrota Economic Development Authority Minutes**  
**5:30 PM Wednesday, November 15, 2023**  
**Zumbrota City Hall, 175 West Avenue**

**PRESENT:** Lindsey Raasch, Bob Hawley, Dave Dahlen, Sara Durhman, Terry Johnson, Brian Haugen, and Todd Hammel. Also present are Community Development Director Munira Alimire, Communications Specialist & Account Technician Miranda Raasch, and City Administrator Brian Grudem.

**NOT PRESENT:**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – at 5:36 PM by Lindsey Raasch
  
2. **Amend/Adopt Agenda –MOTION DAHLEN**, second HAWLEY to adopt the agenda. Carried unanimously.
  
3. **Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – MOTION HAWLEY**, second DAHLEN to approve the meeting minutes from Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Carried unanimously.
  
4. **Monthly Financial Report & Accounts Payable – MOTION HAUGEN**, second JOHNSON to approve the monthly financial report & accounts payable from October 2023. Carried unanimously.
  
5. **Public Hearings**
  - A.
  
6. **Old Business**
  
7. **New Business**
  - A. **Possible Acquisition of the First Congregations Church, UCC – establish a “task force of 3 people) –** With the possible acquirement of

the UCC church into a community center, a task force is needed to be established to assist in the decision-making process. This task force will be responsible for deciding if the city should acquire the building, how it would be paid for, and what it should be used for. Some examples given were a place to host dinners (for shows at the theatre,) meals on wheels, senior center, office spaces, or graduations/reunions. MOTION HAUGEN, second JOHNSON to appoint Durhman, Dahlen, and Hawley will serve on the task force for the UCC church. Carried unanimously.

**B. UCC Engineering Drawing Costs** – A proposal was received from OWA Architects for the UCC church project and was discussed. Meister and Alimire are working on a grant that could potentially cover \$2,000 of the engineering. The board would like to acquire a few more proposals before deciding what a fair price is for the services.

**8. Reports**

**A.**

**9.** The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.