

**Zumbrota Economic Development Authority Minutes**  
**5:30 PM Wednesday, November 20, 2024**  
**Zumbrota City Hall, 175 West Avenue**

**PRESENT:** Dave Dahlen, Lindsey Raasch, Brian Haugen, Todd Hammel, and Bob Hawley. Also present were Community Development Director Kurt Meister and Communications Specialist & Account Technician Miranda Raasch.

**NOT PRESENT:** Sara Durhman, Tina Hostager

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – at 5:32 PM by Lindsey Raasch
  
2. **Amend/Adopt Agenda – MOTION HAWLEY**, second DAHLEN to adopt the agenda with the additions of New Business, A & B. Carried unanimously.
  
3. **Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – MOTION HAWLEY**, second RAASCH to approve the meeting minutes from Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Carried unanimously.
  
4. **Monthly Financial Report & Accounts Payable – MOTION HAUGEN**, second DAHLEN to approve the monthly financial report & accounts payable from October 2024. Carried unanimously.
  
5. **Public Hearings**
  - A.
  
6. **Old Business**
  - A. **Visitor’s Guide** – Meister received a response from Pete Grimsrud regarding the request for quotes on paper of lesser quality. He stated that lesser quality paper was not in the best interest of the advertisers in the guide.

**7. New Business**

**A. Mexican Restaurant (Rashid Fehmi) Loan** - Rashid Fehmi, owner of 59 5th St. West aka site of the Mexican Restaurant, is getting the hood repaired for the restaurant to open. Meister spoke to the contractor on Tuesday 11/12/24 and he has applied for a building permit. Mr. Fehmi is looking for money (\$38,000) to help fund to hood installation. If approved, the money would come from account #404. There would be a lien on the building as collateral and \$3,800 would be forgivable. **MOTION HAUGEN**, second HAMMEL to accept the recommendation of the \$38,000 loan with 10% being forgivable. Carried unanimously.

**B. Christ Lutheran School Building** – Meister and Grudem recently met with church members to discuss possible uses of their old school building. It is currently zoned residential (R2.) The building will be coming on the market soon unless they decide to pursue a daycare.

**C. Anderson Veterinary Clinic** – Rachel Friese, DVM was present to introduce herself to the board and express the need to build a new clinic. They are looking to build on a property within city limits. They are currently interested in purchasing a property off Walnut Street. They will be requesting funds from the EDA soon.

**8. Reports**

**A. Update on Keller-Baartman Apartments** – No update. Hawley requested an update on the parking around the building.

**9.** The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.