

MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. PAUL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
TOWN HALL – 6:00 p. m.

IDA

Robert Harrison – Chairman
Frank Molinary
Harry Kelly
Bill Wallace
Mike Jessee
J. D. Cassell
Jack Kiser

Debora Baca - Secretary
Linda Tiller - Attorney
Kyle Fletcher - Mayor

Allen Gregory - CVTimes

Chairman Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly to accept the agenda as presented. A second was offered by Mr. Kiser and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cassell moved to approve the August minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried unanimously.

There were no public presentations or requests.

Old Business:

Chairman Harrison provided everyone a copy of the Expression of Interest from Hal Craddock of Creative Boutique Hotels. He advised that Mr. Craddock has been through the building and a meeting regarding their interest in the development of the Willis Building has been scheduled for October 9, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the town hall. Chairman Harrison asked everyone to review the EOI and get back to him or Ms. Baca with any questions or concerns. Mr. Molinary asked about the role of the town if this proposal was accepted. Considering the town has two grants, Chairman Harrison said he is sure that we would continue to be the owner or partner for some length of time. Mr. Molinary also asked if accepting this proposal would leave Thompson & Litton out of the project. Chairman Harrison said he and Mr. Wallace met with T&L because they had similar concerns. T&L expressed an interest in remaining a part of the project in some capacity if at all possible. T&L has been paid for their work through the preliminary drawings. It was explained to them that their role will be on hold until we have something more definite, but every effort will be made to keep them involved in the project in some capacity if at all possible.

The town has agreed to apply for an IRF grant for architect and engineering on the Lyric Theater. The Lyric Committee and Main Street has been working on this grant application and they are continuing their fundraising efforts.

Mr. Kelly said there is a problem with storm water drainage in the Farmers Market area, including the lot being considered for a new parking lot. They are currently working with Virginia Tech to hopefully get assistance with storm water management before moving forward with any work on the parking lot. Mr. Kelly asked to remove this item from the agenda at this time.

New Business:

Chairman Harrison reviewed the agenda for the first annual Clinch River Mandolin Festival and asked the Board to consider a donation of \$1,000. It was pointed out that the town donated \$231 at the request of Gary Crum to get the festival account started. A motion was made by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to donate \$1,000 to this event. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Harrison asked to move next month's meeting from October 27th to Tuesday, October 28th so Ms. Baca would be able to attend. A motion was made by Mr. Kiser to hold the meeting for next month on October 28th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed unanimously.

Mr. Molinary inquired about the dirt being dumped beside McDonald's. Mayor Fletcher advised that the dirt will be used to backfill the remaining sewer basin.

Mr. Cassell mentioned the positive comments he is hearing throughout Wise County about the progress being made in St. Paul. It was mentioned at the Board of Supervisors meeting that St. Paul is receiving lodgers tax for the first time in 40 years.

Mr. Kelly shared the VML magazine September issue containing a two page article about St. Paul winning the VML Achievement Award.

Mr. Wallace asked about requesting VCEDA money for the Willis Building Project. Chairman Harrison said he attended a Board of Supervisor's meeting but there wasn't a quorum present. He has since discovered the best way to approach a VCEDA request is to first gain the support of the Executive Director and some of the board members. Even if we get the backing of the IDA, the Board of Supervisors is who must approve the request to use the county VCEDA money.

Chairman Harrison reported that the Outdoor Expo was very successful and the town volunteers did a great job of promoting St. Paul at the event. Also, Spearhead Trails is now selling their permits with the expiration a full year from the date they are purchased.

Ms. Baca informed the Board that VDOT is planning to begin work on Wise Street on Wednesday, September 24th. Mayor Fletcher added that the paving work in South St. Paul has started.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cassell, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

_____ Chairman

_____ Secretary