

Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) Meeting

Meeting minutes of July 6, 2023

Present: Lori Novotny, Caleb McKeever, Carol Grummert, Jane Mallam and Bryan Davidson
Called to order at 6:30 pm

May 24, 2023 minutes were read. Caleb made a motion to approve, Carol 2nd, passed 5-0

Agenda items for discussion and possible action:

A. Grant application submittal from J&M Liquor Store to be used for a programmable electronic message board sign to be displayed on the highway. James Ullman was present to talk about the application. He said that the sign will be used not only for store announcements but also for community events. Lori read an email that CRA received from Andrew Willis of Cline-Williams. He stated CRA funds can be used if the signage has a public benefit: *"If the sign may be used for occasional City or public announcements, that could be eligible, etc. So there are cases where a sign could be eligible. In this case, the CRA needs to ask a few more questions and then make that decision."* Bryan made a motion to approve the application with the CRA funding \$10,401.70. Caleb 2nd. Carried 5-0.

B. Grant Application submittal from City of Wymore Fire Department. Andrew Willis replied that the CRA may grant this request as it is TIF eligible: *"The fire department project is TIF-eligible. In fact, for a building with a true public purpose like the fire department, I think almost all costs would be eligible. Cleaning and painting the exterior certainly is."* Mayor Meints was present to answer questions. Shelley Enterprises submitted a quote of \$4,200 to power wash and paint the entire building. Mayor Meints said the quote was so low because the CRA helped Shelley Enterprises by approving a grant to rehabilitate its building in Wymore and they wanted to give back to the community. Bryan made a motion for the CRA to approve the entire amount of \$4,200. Jane 2nd. Carried 5-0.

C. Grant Application submittal from Howell's Auto Repair. Dan Howell was present to answer questions about his application. Dan requested a grant to replace the two large garage doors of his shop with new insulated doors. Carol made a motion for the CRA to fund \$4,000 (50% of the \$8,000 total costs). Bryan 2nd. Carried 5-0.

D. Grant Application submittal from Doghouse Bar & Grill. Richard Trout was present to answer questions about his application. Richard requested a grant to replace two old entry doors that

no longer can be repaired. In part, the doors needed to be replaced for safety and security reasons. The new doors will have a panic bar and self closing. They will also have to be built into the brick building. Caleb made a motion for the CRA to fund \$5,061.10 (50% of the total 10,122.20 total costs). Jane 2nd. Carried 5-0

E. Add project details to application forms. Andrew Willis made some suggested changes to the proposed application revision authored by Bryan Davidson. The CRA board wanted to add the project must be completed within one year of the grant approval. These additional details will be attached to the application forms. Bryan made a motion to approve the application additional information authored by Bryan Davidson with the revisions submitted by Andrew Willis. In addition, the application must be completed one year from the grant approval. Caleb 2nd. Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Davidson