

**Wabasso EDA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with board members Pat Eichten, Karl Guetter, Amanda Guetter and Roger Baumann in attendance. Chuck Robasse joined the meeting virtually via Zoom. Also present was Brandon Baune and McKenzie Taylor.

The minutes of the October 9, 2024, meeting was approved with a motion by Robasse, second by Baumann. Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes; A. Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Robasse - yes

November Spotlight – McKenzie provided the November Spotlight on Fenger Auto at the meeting. Mr. Baune to place on the website and on the City’s Facebook.

2025 Preliminary Budget and Parks Discussion – Mr. Baune presented the EDA with the updated 2025 preliminary budget. A few tweaks were made, including adding in the small increase in rent. Mr. Baune noted that the new rent would come to an uneven number and recommended doing an even \$795.

Also, Mr. Baune updated the EDA on conversations being had with the Council and other stakeholders for updating the parks in the city. It was a consensus of the EDA to add \$10,000 to the budget for assisting with playground expenses in 2025. Motion by Robasse, second by K. Guetter to approve the 2025 EDA budget with the updates on rents and playground donation.

Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes; A. Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Robasse - yes

5-Plex Painting Quotes – Mr. Baune presented two quotes from CS Painting to paint the interior of the two 5-plex units turning over with new tenants. The EDA reviewed these quotes via email prior to the meeting. Motion by K. Guetter, second by Baumann to approve quote from CS Painting in the amount of \$1,700 to paint all interior walls, minus closets.

Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes; A. Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Robasse - yes

Eastvail 3rd and 4th Addition Lot C Offer – The EDA was presented with an offer of \$28,000 for the lot which is listed at \$34,000. It was the consensus of the EDA not to accept the discounted offer. Mr. Baune to let the party who made the offer know and see if they would like to counter.

Past Due RLF Payments – Mr. Baune noted that he was working with DEEM Inc to get paid up on past due RLF payments and noted efforts on their part by getting completely caught up with the city. It was a consensus of the EDA for Mr. Baune to speak with Mr. Novak about options with the loans, and finding out what position the EDA had in each. It was recommended that maybe the loans could be re-worked to help out the business by doing interest-only payments for part of the year and other possibilities.

Treasurer’s Report – Motion by K. Guetter, second by A. Guetter to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes; A. Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Robasse - yes

Bills – Motion by A. Guetter, second by Baumann to approve the October Bills.

Eichten – yes; K. Guetter – yes; A. Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Robasse - yes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Brandon Baune
Director