Wabasso EDA Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2020 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Eichten with Board Members Chuck Robasse participating by phone per City Attorney, and Rachel Ingebretson. Carole Remiger and Karl Guetter were unable to attend.

Also present were Pat Dingels and Mary Smith.

Minutes of the December 4 meeting were approved on a motion by Robasse, seconded by Ingebretson.

Eichten-yes, Robasse-yes, Ingebretson-yes.

Pat Eichten spoke with a local business owner about possible financing for a buy out of a share of the business. The board discussed the possibilities and decided if it is a matter of refinancing the current loans, that is acceptable.

Pat Dingels spoke with Chad at the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership. With the holidays, they have not been able to prepare anything for this meeting. He is sure there can be a budget and preliminary designs ready for the February 5 meeting. The board does not need to seek out communities to partner with as SWMP is in talks currently with several area communities. He did ask that we compile a list of local general contractors. The clerk and board will assist with this.

A discussion was held regarding possible pricing for the lots on May Street as currently platted. Pat Eichten will try to meet with the board of Serenity Suites to get the option settled. The price of the lot next to the existing facility would be priced at \$39,000.00 to Serenity Suites with a 5-year option at \$3,600.00 per year. He will try to get an answer from Serenity Suites on the proposal no later than March 1. The remaining lots will be sold for prices ranging from \$22,000.00 to \$27,000.00 per lot as currently platted. The prices for lots on the north side of May Street may be subject to change if the plat would need to be changed.

There is a potential buyer for the farthest east lot on the south side of North Street. The covenants for that area were discussed. There needs to be more information gathered and ask the buyer to come to the February meeting.

The City Clerk is working with the son of the owner of the Roadhouse to determine exactly how the payments for the current loans stand.

An individual who represents someone who wants to build a Dollar General contacted Pat Eichten. They are looking at purchasing property by Mid County Ag Services. The individual asked for maps of water and sewer in the area. The Clerk will talk to Paul Plaetz about this.

The Treasurers Report was accepted on a motion by Ingebretson, seconded by Robasse. Eichten-yes, Robasse-yes, Ingebretson-yes.

Bills in the amount of \$2,521.25 were approved for payment on a motion by Robasse, seconded by Ingebretson.

Eichten-yes, Robasse-yes, Ingebretson-yes.