

Council Chambers  
Ely, Minnesota  
Tuesday, January 20, 2009  
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting  
EEDA

Regular meeting of the EEDA was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Heidi Omerza.

Present: Debeltz, Nikkola, Salerno, Shedly, Zupec, President Omerza (6)

Absent: Skraba (1)

Moved by Shedly supported by Debeltz, that the minutes of the November 10, 2008 EEDA meeting be approved without reading. Carried unanimously. Minutes to stand as recorded.

EEDA member Shedly requested the following addition to tonight's agenda:  
Line Item in EEDA Budget reflecting sales of city merchandise. This matter will be taken up under New Business.

President Omerza noted that the secretary of the EEDA had been John Lindroos, and as he is no longer on the council, there needs to be a temporary secretary appointed until election of officers in February. Moved by Salerno supported by Debeltz, that the Deputy Clerk be appointed temporary secretary to the EEDA. Carried unanimously.

President Omerza reported that former EEDA member Charles Novak along with HRA Executive Director Marty Hendrickson had attended a meeting on Housing Revitalization Pilot Program, in late 2008. Omerza reported that Marty Hendrickson had been contacted to provide a further written update, or was invited to attend the February 17, 2009 EEDA meeting. Zupec also recommended that EADA Executive Director Nancy Larson be requested to get involved in this project.

President Omerza provided EEDA members with copy of current EEDA By Laws, requesting that By Laws be reviewed, as they will be discussed at the next EEDA meeting. Matter of information.

Discussion was held regarding the EEDA managing the Storefront Loan Renovation Program. EEDA members had discussed this issue in 2008. Moved by Shedly supported by Salerno, that this matter be referred to the City Attorney to research and report back with findings at next EEDA meeting. Carried unanimously.

Nikkola (a member of the Ely Rehab/Storefront Renovation Committee) reported that the committee feels it would be more appropriate for the Storefront portion of the program to be under the auspices of the EEDA. Matter of information.

Council member Sheddy requested that a line item be designated in current EEDA budget, to reflect monies taken in for the sale of city merchandise. He is looking at having city merchandise for sale in the Clerk's Office, any festival at which the City is looking at having a booth. Moved by Sheddy supported by Nikkola, to approve the request. Carried unanimously. Clerk-Treasurer Boese reported that she had reviewed this request with the City Auditor and a line item can be created in the EEDA budget for sales of merchandise. A line item must also be added for the collection of sales tax which must be remitted to the state .

Moved by Debeltz supported by Salerno, that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment at 6:10 P.M.

Patricia Wellvang  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Ely