

ALTOONA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of Friday December 15, 2017

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Altoona held their regular monthly meeting on Friday December 15, 2017 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room in City Hall.

Board Members Present: Richard Fiore, Mayor Matthew Pacifico, Lousia Lobre-Riley, Ron Beatty, and Atty. Elizabeth Benjamin.

Staff Present: Lee Slusser, Nick Ardizzone and Jean Cupp

Guests Present: Bill Kibler – Altoona Mirror

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Richard Fiore at 8:35 a.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Friday, October 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Matt Pacifico and seconded by Louisa Lobre Riley, which passed unanimously.

** Note: Purpose of the Executive Session in the October 20, 2017 minutes was to discuss Acquisition of a Property.

3. Approval of Financial Reports

Jean Cupp presented the October and November 2017 Financial Reports. Lousia Lobre-Riley made the motion to approve the financials as presented. Ron Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

None at this time.

5. Solicitor's Report

a. Atty. Elizabeth Benjamin presented a Release of Restrictions, Covenants and Agreements for 1920-1930 N. 7 ½ Avenue AKA 711-719 N. 20th Street. Ron Beatty made the motion to approve the release. Louisa Lobre-Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Atty. Benjamin also mentioned that part of the Executive Session in October was a request from Board Member Frank Wiley that we have a discussion on the Redevelopment Authorities powers and process to

pursue projects. Since Mr. Wiley was not available for today's meeting it was decided to defer this discussion to the next meeting.

c. Update on ATM information for Zoe's Café. Atty. Benjamin said that Christy Jordan had sent an email last evening with a little more information on the ATM machine she is requesting. More information is still needed before we can pursue this discussion any further.

6. Other Business

a. Mr. Slusser gave an update on the Transportation Center Roof Project. He talked with Public Works and was told that the contractor has 60 days to start the project of installing a new roof over the expressway. The contractor has ordered materials needed and is waiting for them to arrive. Public Works is concerned that the contract is about to expire and that more damage may occur while we are waiting. Atty. Benjamin made the suggestion that an extension of the contract be awarded if need be, but with the understanding that any further damage be covered by the contractor. Ron Beatty made the motion that gives Lee Slusser the authority to address any extension of contract as he sees fit. Matt Pacifico seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. Mr. Slusser, said that Christy Jordan has requested that the drinking fountain in the Transportation Center either be removed or replaced. We have received bids from Riley Plumbing and Heating, for the following: Materials to remove existing drinking fountain, cap water and drain lines for a base bid of \$175.00 or materials to remove existing fountain and replace with a single ADA compliant unit, additional work if rough-in changes are required for a base bid of \$850.00. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Louisa Lobre-Riley to remove the fountain if it is not necessary by Code. Ron Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Vacant Land – 820-22 & 900-10 North 8th Avenue

Nick Ardizzone presented vacant land for sale. These are a 60' x 120', 7,200 square foot lot and 150' x 120', 18,000 square foot lot. Both acquired in 1975. The applicant Richard A. McPhee, individual, of 105 E. 24th Avenue desires to acquire these properties for "Suburban Residential, Open Space and Side Yard Beautification" use. This property at its present state is not suitable for building because it lacks some public utilities, but with zoning approval may be developed. A motion was made by Matt Pacifico to sell these two parcels of land for \$1,000., to Mr. McPhee. Ron Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn by Lousia Lobre Riley @ 9:03 a.m. Ron Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Frank Wiley, Secretary/Treasurer