

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 2019

Present: Ralph Voltner, Rick Grubanowitch, Jay Iverson, Laura Martin, Alderman Damon

Also Present: City Administrator Johnsrud, City Clerk/Treasurer Uecker, City Engineer Dejewski

Excused: Alderman Brickner, Sarah Calderon

Chairman Voltner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Moved by Alderman Damon, seconded by Rick Grubanowitch to place on file the minutes of the Community Development Authority meeting held November 26, 2018. Motion carried.

Sigma Proposal for 1306 East Bolivar Avenue:

The City had received a proposal to get the property to closure with the DNR. The amount is \$11,000 and if it needs to get to a VPLE then the cost is \$16,500.

Chairman Voltner asked if the property could just be put up for sale as is. City Administrator Johnsrud stated that a storage facility would work there and that they are in high demand. Discussion then revolved around Wixon's interest in the property. As of yet, they won't commit to the property. The CDA members felt that the City should just list the property and not wait for Wixon.

Closing the property to VPLE is what Alderman Damon felt should be done. City Administrator Johnsrud said that the challenge of the site is the small size which leans toward taking it to VPLE. The problem with going to VPLE is that the DNR likes to wait until they know what is going to be built on the property before they issue closure. Since Wixon hasn't put in an offer nor have they stated what they want to do with the property, VPLE may be a challenge.

Moved by Alderman Damon, seconded by Jay Iverson to recommend to the Common Council Option #1 in the Sigma Proposal to obtain closure at 1306 East Bolivar Avenue and to list the property for sale. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Damon, seconded by Rick Grubanowitch to request the Mayor and City Administrator to send a letter to Wixon informing them of the City's intent regarding the property located at 1306 East Bolivar Avenue. Motion carried.

Update on the D-F Property:

City Administrator Johnsrud said that Milwaukee Makers Space has expressed interest in the site and had a presentation to the Common Council at their last meeting. It is a low impact use in an industrial setting. They will be putting in an Offer to Purchase on the property. The project will add approximately \$1.4M to the City's tax base.

Redevelopment Plans:

Jay Iverson thought that the prime areas to review would be the King Kase and Mid America properties. He asked that before the next meeting, the CDA members look at areas around the City to identify what they feel are blighted/redevelopment areas.

Moved by Alderman Damon, seconded by Jay Iverson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Time: 6:57 p.m.