

East Jordan Downtown Development Authority
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
March 7, 2011 Minutes
City Hall Chambers

Present: Atkins, Carter, Hepner, Penzien, Pringle and Administrator Anderson

Absent: Krumholtz, Mayor Timmons, Teske and Vacancy

Guests: Susan Cannon, Chris Christensen, Jan Kellogg, Brian Kelly, Russ Peck, Jim Silby, Todd Sorenson, and Sandy Whiteford

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Penzien.

Minutes:

Motion by Atkins, second by Carter to approve February 14, 2011 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

No report.

Mayor's Report:

No report.

Chairman's Report:

No report.

Economic Development Report:

Discussion was held on a broadband plan for the community. Jim Silby, design engineer with Aspen Wireless Technologies attended the meeting in place of Gary John Jr. from Boardman River Communications who attended another community meeting to discuss broadband. Chris Christensen (County Commissioner) discussed the possibility of a county – wide plan. Todd Sorenson (Wilson Township Supervisor) attended to discuss plans of working with the City to get broadband in the township areas. It was decided to work on the community assets with Brian Kelly (County GIS).

Old Business:

Holiday Tree Lights Removal-

Chairman Penzien informed the board that the holiday lights will be taken down. The old lights will be thrown out and new lights will be needed for next year.

New Downtown Banners-

Pringle informed the board the banners are still being worked on with the design team at Britten Banners.

Hotel Property-

Administrator Anderson informed the board Floyd Wright has not secured any new funding for the motel project. Jan Kellogg (NLEA) explained the grant for this project is still available. 51% of the jobs for this project that it will create will have to go to low-moderate income people.

New Business:

North Central Michigan College-

Susan Cannon from NCMC attended meeting to discuss other locations available in the downtown area for the college.

Agenda business was tabled until the next meeting.

Development Liquor License-

DDA Web page/Facebook-

EJ Master Plan-

Next meeting-

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Hepner, second by Atkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Dawn Pringle, Secretary