

VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, March 1, 2018 – 8:00 A.M.
Council Chambers (Second Floor), Virginia City Hall

Present: Jorgensen, Bartovich, Patrick, Baranzelli, Nystrom

Absent: Miskovich

I. Minutes Approval (February 1, 2018)

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Bartovich to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2018 VEDA meeting. Motion Carried.

II. Finance Reports

1. Check Register-

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Baranzelli to approve the following payment to Kimley-Horn & Associates \$1,027.69 Motion Carried.

2. Budget Appropriation Report-

III. President's Report

IV. New Business

1. Sale of 118 Chestnut Street-

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Baranzelli to allow the potential purchaser of the property located at 118 Chestnut Street to work with City staff to negotiate a purchase price. Motion Carried.

2. Purchase of 328 Chestnut Street-The Mayor spoke with the owner of the property and he is interested in selling the building and is asking \$15,000. Betsy Olivanti noted that someone is interested in the building. It was suggested to have an inspection on the building to see what shape it is in before agreeing to purchase the building by VEDA.

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Baranzelli to proceed with the possible acquisition of the property located at 328 Chestnut Street contingent upon the inspection by City staff. Motion Carried.

3. IRRRB Loan Application for Business Assistance –There are four projects requesting potential loans from IRRRB. It was suggested to have VEDA apply for the funds to be distributed to the business for upgrades to their buildings. Discussion with IRRRB would tag this funding as a nonrecourse loan. Vortex is one business that is requesting funding and has purchased a building and are looking to move their staff and expand the business.

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Nystrom for VEDA to apply for the business development assistance financing with IRRRB to help local business renovations and

to establish a revolving loan fund with the IRRRB for future business to acquire financial assistance. Motion Carried.

V. Old Business/Updates

1. Approve final grant payment to Material Girl in the amount of \$3,854.20 The project is complete.

**Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Nystrom to approve the final VEDA grant payment to Material Girl in the amount of \$3,854.20.
Bartovich abstained.
Motion Carried.**

2. Tammy Petrini submitted the final bills for Regal Properties. Jorgensen has inspected the property and noted that it looks very nice. Petrini informed the board that on March 11th a crew will be in town to relocate the contents of the old building to the new facility.

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Baranzelli to approve the final VEDA grant payment of \$5,000 to Regal Properties. Motion Carried.

3. Jorgensen noted that the City Council has reviewed the Business Renovation Loan Guidelines but has not yet approved them. The amount available for a loan to business was increased by \$5,000. The interest rate hasn't been set. The guidelines also require the business to set up an automatic payment feature with \$25 late fee penalty incurred if not paid on time or if there are insufficient funds. There would also be a direct payment to the contractor for the work that is done. There is \$50,000 available in the loan fund.

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Nystrom to approve the revisions to the Business Renovation Loan Guidelines and submit to the City Council for approval. Motion Carried.

VI. Information & Other – FYI

The Humphrey report will be presented in April and it was suggested VEDA attend the presentation.

At the IREA meeting it was noted that there are additional grants available to business Entrepreneurship based on the arts

There is a potential funding for quad cities thru the chamber in the next broadband round of funding. There is \$25,000 available for a feasibility study. This will help to get the served and underserved areas updated and to encourage economic development.

Jorgensen noted the Kerfeld's are negotiating the lease with the City to operate the golf course and will hopefully open by mid-April 2018.

VII. Adjourned at 8:47 a.m. to the next meeting at 8:00 a.m. to April 5, 2018

