

VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016 – 8:00 A.M.
Council Chambers (Second Floor), Virginia City Hall

Present: Paulsen, Jorgensen, Bartovich, Guertin

Absent: Miskovich, Tieberg, Baranzelli

Also present: Pamela LaBine, Sherry Erickson, Kris Johnson

I. Minutes Approval (June 2, 2016)

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Bartovich to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2016 VEDA meeting. Motion Carried.

II. Finance Reports-nothing to report for the month

1. Check Register
2. Budget Appropriation Report

III. President's Report

Julianne Paulsen updated on the Downtown Business Associations committee meetings, they have discussed bringing back the "Heart of Virginia", and Mike Stone is taking the leadership role in the rejuvenation. It was suggested to invite Mike Stone to give a presentation on the needs for the committees and what they trying to achieve.

Paulsen gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan bus ride; they toured from Midway to Virginia. A development in the Waschke area was discussed as a potential site for a hotel/convention center. They plan to meet with RGGs to discuss land options. Jorgensen can bring to the City Council and have engineer check on the property that would be available.

NAICS codes were discussed and questions asked on how to maintain and who will maintain it. The Virginia Police department is currently maintaining the list.

It would be nice to have a packet and a process for new business that are coming into town and have the Chamber distribute to the business.

Joe Guertin discussed a new website that will be developed to include all cities in the Arrowhead Region. It will include all properties available for sale and things to attract new development.

IV. New Business

1. VEDA and City Council Meeting, July 14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
2. The Chestnut Burrow Grant application was submitted for \$8,010.00 Veda portion is 2670.00

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Paulsen to approve the when Kris Johnson receives a completed inspection report and pay \$2670.00 to the chestnut burrow of the \$5, 000.00 allocation.

No action on vote, Bartovich had to abstain, not a quorum

V. Old Business/Updates:

1. VEEDA Update-nothing to update the next meeting is July 14, 2016.
2. City Update-Spectrum is digging July 18th, Jason Berg is planning on building a new dental office and Natural Harvest has already started construction.

Jorgensen noted that his conflict of interest letter was submitted on April 24th regarding the grant application for Range Office and should have been included in the minutes.

Moved by Jorgensen, supported by Bartovich to amend the May 5, 2016 VEDA minutes to include the conflict of interest letter regarding Range Office that was submitted prior to the VEDA meeting. Motion Carried.

A small pavilion overlook will be placed in the trail area on RGGS property and Kiewit will clear the property and work with Bill Hennis to develop.

Proposing a trail head and a mine view and an interactive facility and to also include a zip line across the Rouchleau Pit.

Working on the storefront loan regulations and will present to the City Council for their review. Jorgensen discussed the new storefront guidelines to possibly include a lower interest rate for the loans. The bylaws are still in the process of getting revised.

VI. Information & Other – FYI

VII. Adjourned at 9:30 a.m. the next meeting August 4, 2016