

Minutes

Urban Renewal Agency of the
City of Mountain Home
Monthly Business meeting held on
Monday April 17, 2017
Meeting was held at "B" Transfer

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chairman Alan Bermensolo. A quorum was established with Commissioners, Alain Isaac, Mary Morin, Matt Bundy and Hampton Wright

Guests: Paula Riggs, Director of Economic Development
Gene Palmer, Street Superintendent
Rich Urquidi, Direct of Public Works
Brenda Raub and Eric Tautfest, Community Canvas

Alain asked to make an addition to the agenda. Dig It was added to the agenda before the Treasurer's report.

Approve Minutes: Matt motioned to accept the March minutes as stated. Alain seconded the motion. The motion passed to accept the minutes as stated.

Community Canvas presentation: Brenda and Eric thanked us for last year's investment. This year they would like \$10,000 but can make due with \$6,000. They have new dumpsters in the alley and have done a lot of clean up. This year they would like to finish Kurly's alley and bring the art down to the next alley across the street to the new Yoga building. Big Sky has been great with helping them with equipment but they need ladders and supplies. Unfortunately they won't be getting a grant this year to help with funding. The cost to sponsor a mural is \$250, a business, individual or multiple individuals can sponsor a mural.

URA is willing to help and the amount will be determined at the next meeting.

Gene ADA sidewalk projects for 2017: there were 15 sidewalk/ramps done in the URA district last year and 15 done outside the URA district. They would like to do the same this year. Starting at 8th N and going down N. 3rd E. to Stardust Plaza. URA will match city funds up to \$50,000 for ramps and \$50,000 for sidewalks between ramps that need to be replaced in the URA district.

Downtown Master Plan funding: The MOU(memorandum of understanding) was completed between the city and the URA to partner for the master plan. It has been reviewed by Jay Friedly and will go to the city for final approval, and then URA will sign. Wendy from Horrocks Eng. would like to have a steering committee meeting on May 9th.

Alain moved that URA approved the MOU between the City and the URA and fund task order 3 contingent on the City agreeing to sign the MOU. Commissioner Matt Bundy abstained from voting. Motion passes three 1's and no opposed.

A motion was made by Matt to approve funding for Alain and Courtney to go to the Main Street Conference in Pittsburgh, funding not to exceed \$2500 per person or \$5000 total. Mary seconded the motion. Alain abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Proposed new Urban Renewal Agency area: Rail industrial park proposal and working with Dan Weatz for property. The area needs infrastructure for businesses. This would be a new URA area but fall under the current board. The new URA would have a different sunset date to end than current URA. The approximate cost of starting the new URA would be \$25,000-35,000 up front costs. Paula had three options for the funding. Dan Weatz is willing to help bring the rail up for use. More discussion at a later date.

Digt: Digt is in need of more flower pots and flower planting in order to group the pots as Roger Brooks suggested in his presentation. Alain made a motion to provide \$2500 to Digt to supplement flower pots and flowers. Matt seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Matt motioned to pay the bills of \$1178 and accept the financials as prepared. Alain seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Miracle and Assoc.	\$ 350.00
E. Ron Swearingen	\$ 828.00
Total Bills	\$1178.00

No businesses from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next meeting May 30, 2017 at 6:00 pm at B Transfer.

Approved: 30 May, 2017 Signed: 