**Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation**

**Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**

**228 E. Marshall St.**

**Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

**A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRESENT. NO ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST BE RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD AND LIMIT COMMENTS TO 2 MINUTES.**

1. **Call to order - Recognition of guest(s)**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were board members Robert Jaska, David Sileven, Mark Moss, Brad Clough, Alesha Crowell and Sherry Jeffcoat and Executive Director Rodney Williams.**

**Guests present were Lane Jones, Jim Atchison and Dee Greve.**

**2. Invocation**

 **David Sileven gave the invocation.**

**3. Discuss/Action: Approval of minutes from previous meeting: February 23, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting**

 **Alesha Crowell made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Brad Clough seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0.**

**4. Discuss/Action: Presentation regarding Web services from Dorothy Allan, Allan Retail Group**

 **The respective party was not present, therefore this item was passed over.**

**5. Discuss/Action:** **FY 2019-20 audit update**

 **Rodney Williams gave an update on the current status of the FY 2019-20 audit being conducted through LaFollett & Company, PLLC.**

**6. Discuss/Action: New board member applications**

 **The new member applications were discussed as presented by the City. There were six applicants ranked in order by the board to serve as recommendation to City Council. Sherry Jeffcoat made a motion to submit Robert Lewis and Dee Greve to the City Council as the CDC Board’s top recommendations for new membership. Alesha Crowell seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0.**

**7. Discuss/Action: Billboard renewal**

 **Brad Clough made a motion to authorize Rodney Williams to execute a renewal contract on the billboard located on the west side of Highway 75. Mark Moss seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0.**

**8. Discuss/Action: Treasurer’s Report**

 **Robert Jaska made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented with a second from Brad Clough. The motion passed, 6-0.**

**9. Discuss/Action: Director’s report**

 **Rodney Williams gave his director’s report regarding his activities from the prior month.**

**10. Discuss/Action: Request from City Manager Lane Jones for Central Social District funding**

 **City Manager Lane Jones discussed the current state of the Central Social District Park planning. Jones stated that the project total has risen to $5.2 million and that the project is $500,000 over budget. Jones requested a $100,000 grant from the CDC to fund ancillary items, such as park benches and railcar restoration.**

 **Rodney Williams presented the Board with budget options. Williams went through the budget and came up with two options to fund the project – Option A being a combination of sales tax favorable variance funds and the full $24,000 that had been budgeted for parks, and Option B a mix of three-quarters of sales tax favorable variance funds plus other line items, such as travel and training, that were not going to be fully utilized, in addition to the entire parks line-item budget.**

 **Brad Clough made a motion to choose Option B to fund a $100,000 grant for the Central Social District Park and authorize Rodney Williams to present a budget amendment to City Council at its April meeting. Sherry Jeffcoat seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0.**

**11. Closing comments**

 **There were no closing comments.**

**12. Adjourn**

 **The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Rodney Williams**