

WOOD RIVER VISION 2020
MAY 14, 2013
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 pm by President Marla Hixon. All Board members were present.

The meeting minutes of March 29, 2013 were reviewed. Brian Hayes moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Tyler Doane seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

Tyler Doane reviewed the progress of the Survey Committee. The surveys were distributed the week of May 5th through May 12th. He indicated that the surveys are ready to be picked up by SCEDD to be tabulated by UNK. Hixon questioned how soon the results will be presented to the City Council. Doane indicated the results will be given to the Council sometime this summer and then presented to the City residents at a fall "town hall meeting". The town meeting will be highly advertised in both newspapers.

Hixon updated those present on the Communications Committee. She indicated that the City had awarded the contract to Jenie Maloney to re-design the City website. The committee had indicated they wanted the logo contest to be judged and submitted by the Board. Hixon distributed logos that had been submitted. Tracy Watts informed Hixon that it was suggested by her staff at CCC to keep the logo design simple, as it would be easier and cheaper to reproduce. The Board reviewed the submitted logos and selected a logo, artist unknown. Hixon will obtain the artists name and payment of the \$50.00 prize can be made.

Pam Kjar reported on the progress of the Aesthetics/Beautification committee. She indicated that the first group of plants will be planted May 18th. Watering will need to be performed by volunteers until the sprinklers are installed. The WRRHS students began clearing the C-Store landscaped area as part of their Community workday, the remainder was completed May 11th. Joyce Willoughby had indicated that several volunteers had relayed information regarding use of the opera house bricks in the project. Kjar and Cramer informed her that we would like to incorporate use of the bricks in the construction of the gazebo on the north walkway area. Willoughby will endeavor to locate the original opera building sign to incorporate as well.

Greg Cramer reported on the progress of the plans for the new City office building. He stated that the architects projected cost was in exceeded the amount budgeted by the City. He indicated that the plans are being reviewed by several individuals. Their comments will be presented to the committee on Thursday. Kjar questioned the future of the Senior Center. Cramer informed the Board that the center will remain open. He also reported on the possible demolition of the building on the northwest corner of Main and 9th Street. The owner has addressed the Council regarding the demolition. The estimated cost is \$60,000, due to the shared wall with the Masonic Lodge. Cramer indicated he did not know the future of the building at this time.

Willoughby presented information regarding a proposed marquee project to be located on school property on Highway 30 and Highway 11. The project would be funded by the Booster Club, the Grace Koepp Foundation and the Wood River Centennial Foundation. This project has not been finalized.

Kjar questioned whether Cramer had any new information regarding placement of signs by the Wood River Ministerial Association. Cramer had not received additional information. After discussion, it was

decided that Brian Hayes would garner information regarding City signage. The Board discussed the potential of adopting City identification signs as our next project. Hayes will contact Love Signs in Grand Island for approximate costs and present it to the Board for review.

Hayes indicated that the Wood River Volunteer Fire Department had raised funds to replace lighting on their memorial corner. Previous lighting had been destroyed by vandalism.

Hixon regretfully submitted her resignation as President, as she will be moving in June. The Board accepted her resignation reluctantly and thanked her for outstanding performance as President. Several candidates to fill the board vacancy were discussed. Hixon will contact the candidates and the nomination committee will be asked to make a selection.

There being no further business before the Board, motion by Willoughby and second by Doane to adjourn.

Approved: _____

Secretary