

MINUTES OF EDA MEETING
August 5, 2014

A regular EDA meeting was duly called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Vice President Justin Williamson on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 with members Carroll Behne, Dorothy Behne, Seth Lintelman, Sharon Huse, Justin Williamson, and Becky Tish present. Absent was EDA President Nathan Amborn. Also present was EDA Director Sam Hansen.

Motion by D. Behne to approve the agenda, second by Lintelman, carried.

Motion by D. Behne to approve the minutes, second by Lintelman, carried.

EDA Director Hansen distributed handouts for MN Green Step Cities as provided by the Southwest Regional Development Commission. Hansen explained the purpose of the program is to help cities to improve their energy efficiencies, with a minimum project cost of \$300,000. One option for smaller municipalities is to partner with a larger city or county. Hansen also noted that Martin County is waiting to see how a project in Redwood County is going before moving forward with the program.

Next EDA Director Hansen explained that there was a vacant property that appears to present a safety hazard. Hansen also briefly explained the process of issuing a "raze or remove" noting it was a time consuming task, however a necessary one. Discussion followed about other vacant buildings throughout Sherburn. After some discussion, it was decided to bring addresses to the next meeting to have staff look into them as well.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the City Council meeting due to the Labor Day Holiday, it was decided to start the September 2nd meeting at 6:30 p.m.

In the EDA Director's report, Hansen noted that at the next meeting he would have a preliminary 2015 budget for the board to review.

In Commission reports, Lintelman mentioned he spoke to Gene Scheppmann about the building by Kum and Go, along Highway 4. He said Scheppmann is open to businesses that would work and wishes for a business to be in the building provided it would employ Sherburn citizens.

Commissioner Huse brought up signs on buildings on Main Street and wanted to know what could be done to remove them. Huse noted that the signs were confusing her customer's as they check out a building due to the sign only to find it is misleading.

Motion to adjourn by Lintelman, second by D. Behne, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

EDA Director Sam Hansen