

Jonesville Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of May 8, 2018

Present: Don Toffolo, Chris Fast, Gale Fix, Ron Gow, Joe Ruden, and Gerry Arno.

Absent: Don Germann, Abe Graves and Penny Sarles

Also Present: Manager Jeff Gray

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

The agenda was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Ron Gow to approve the minutes from March 13, 2018. All in favor. Absent: Don Germann, Abe Graves, and Don Germann. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Joe Ruden to recommend City Council approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget, as recommended by the DDA budget committee. All in favor. Absent: Don Germann, Abe Graves and Penny Sarles. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding US-12/Chicago Street future work in the downtown area in 2021. Manager Gray informed the DDA that grants are more competitive when addressing improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety. It was a mutual agreement that the City look into changes in configuration of the downtown streetscape, including parking along US-12. A timeline was provided from MDOT regarding the US-12 project in 2021.

Discussion was held regarding MDOT's preliminary study of projects on M-99.

Manager Gray provided updates on Riverfest, River Rate Clean up, Rakers/Roberta's Flower Sale, and Hillsdale County Visitor's Guide.

Manager Gray reminded DDA members of the Economic Development Strategic Planning Session being held Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jonesville Police Station. City Council, Planning Commission, LDFA and ZBA Committees are all invited to attend along with the DDA members. The goal of the meeting is to improve crossover communication.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be July 10, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Ron Gow and supported by Joe Ruden to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk