

## **VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD**

### **Community Development Agency Meeting**

**August 2, 2017**

The **Village of Elmwood Board of Trustees** met as the Community Development Agency at the Elmwood Community Center with Trustees Anderson, Krass, Hovick, and Chairperson Wray presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Wray declared the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” posted and the availability of additional packet materials. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the Village Clerks’ office. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three (3) public places (the Post Office, Village Office, and Elmwood Convenience Store). Visitors present were Helen McKinney, Mike Vogt, Bonnie Brewer, Jeff Johnston, Kris & Kurk Shrader, Rick & Mickie Clements, Danny Rice, Bill Connour, Linda Blunt, Jennifer Serkiz, Genine Hovick, Dana Krass, Ryan Anderson, BJ Burrows, Eugenia Bornemeier, Louie Allgayer, Suzie Allgayer, James Nelson, Aaron Clements, Andy Clements, Terry Carlton, Dan & Teresa Brown, Elizabeth Chase, Brook Aken, and Rick Hawks. Minutes were taken by Clerk/Treasurer Connie Carlton.

Motion by Anderson to approve the CDA minutes from July 5, 2017 as presented with second by Hovick. RCV: Yes: All, No: None, Absent: Baer. Motion approved.

Trustee Baer entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None.

**New Business:** Nebraska Main Street Network representative, Elizabeth Chase, informed those present at the meeting that the Midwest Farmers Cooperative would pay the \$300 annual membership dues for the Village of Elmwood. Nebraska Main Street Network partners with communities to help revitalize main street areas by connecting people, exchanging ideas, providing guidance, and working together with communities. Chairperson Wray reviewed the current redevelopment plan completed in 2002 which lays out Community Goals and Policies; there currently being similar wants and needs for the community, along with items that have been accomplished in that time span. One item listed as needed was for “new housing”, which has been accomplished with the annexation and building of Trail Ridge Subdivision. The following questions were asked of those attending the meeting: a. “What are the negative aspects or weaknesses facing Elmwood?” – Suggestions included: General condition of roads need maintenance work; weeds coming up through cracks need sprayed; and derelict properties. b. “What are the positive aspects or strengths facing Elmwood?” – Elmwood lies between Lincoln and Omaha; our school district which brings families to the area; new housing development; and one strength is the people wanting to grow the community. Other events like the September 10<sup>th</sup> Bubble Soccer, September 15<sup>th</sup> Harvest Moon Hustle, and Market-to-Market Relay in late September help showcase our community. c. “What are the issues facing the future development of Elmwood?” – Finances for police/sheriff protection; commercial or business development and growth; and the need for affordable housing. d. “What projects would you like to see in the next ten to twenty years?” – Street maintenance; nuisance properties dealt with; possibly a retirement home; and incubator sites for businesses.

There will be a main street vision survey sent out to the community. This will help in planning for the future of Elmwood. Another goal is to establish a Vision Group made up of 7-10 individuals, to aid in future growth and planning for the Village of Elmwood.

**Old Business:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. I, the undersigned Clerk/Treasurer hereby certify the foregoing is a summary of all matters discussed at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Community Development Agency, and was available to the public within ten working days. All proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty four hours prior to said meeting.

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Connie Carlton, Clerk/Treasurer

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Pat Wray, Chairperson