

**Downtown Development Authority Board  
Rescheduled Meeting  
Monday, September 14, 2015  
City Hall Chambers**

**Present: Atkins, Cady, LaVanway, McCleod, Miller, Mayor Peck, Worgess and City Administrator Tom Cannon.**

**Absent: Teske and Krumholz**

**Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Miller at 5:36 p.m.**

**Secretary's Report-**

Motion by Peck, second by Cady to approve the August 3, 2015 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-**

Motion by McCleod, second by Cady to pay the bill Haley Inc. for sprinkler maintenance. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Worgess, second by McCleod, to approve treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

The 2003 A Bond to construct parking facilities and handicap accessibility was paid off. October the 2007 Installment purchase Land acquisition-Hotel lot will be paid off. There will be no bonds left to pay off!

**City Manager's Report-**

DPW crew will be installing drain tile on Cedar Street to improve ice conditions that have been worsening street conditions and erosion. DPW purchased new bucket truck to start trimming and removing trees. The used bucket truck is for sale.

Recycling center will get upgrades. County will pay for a concrete pad. Fencing and drainage will be part of the first phase. Next year electricity, lighting and a cardboard compactor will be part of phase II.

Fall Fest will take place Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at Tourist Park. Events include entertainment by Pistol Whips, hay art, softball tournament, food truck vending, craft beer from Shorts Brewing as well as wine from Royal Farms.

New Police Chief Terry McDonnell has started his position. He comes from Bloomfield Hills Police Department.

Way finding project is currently in the field inventory/assessment phase in which inventory has just been finished. Design plans as well as entryway sign design should be completed in October.

**Mayor's Report-**  
Nothing

**Chairman's Report-**  
Teske was absent.

**Old Business-**

**A. New Banners-**

Banners are on hold due to way finding grant.

**B. Hotel Property Negotiations Update-**

Miller and Cannon meet with Floyd Wright and Laurie Hodgson to negotiate on property price. Scott Beatty is looking into the contract. If developer was interested in moving forward with a project, Wright would turn over deed. 0% interest for first 24 months. Wright is firm on price but if property could be paid off earlier it would be better. It was discussed that no more than three years would be needed to pay it off.

**C. Green Light-Status**

Worgess informed the board the hatch is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at Castle Farms. There were 20 candidates who applied and it will be cut down to 10 finalists.

**D. Entrepreneurial Communities-**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) conference is going Border to Border with two new locations in 2015. The first conference will be held in the Houghton/Hancock Communities on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and the second conference will be in downtown Sturgis on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tom Cannon may go to the Sturgis event.

**New Business-**

**A. Christmas Lights-**

Lights have been ordered and lights will go up when leaves come off the trees. Miller said the lights come on reels so only need a few people to help. It is planned to do the lights in early November.

**B. Main Street Development-**

McCleod said construction will start in October on the building and should take a year to complete.

**C. Flower boxes-**

There are a few boxes that don't have flowers in them. Worgess suggested to let sponsors know that bulb plants work well with preen. She will get something out to the sponsors to let them know so they can plan. Other non-bulb perennials may not survive. In early spring new soil will be added.

**D. Crowd funding project-**

McCleod brought up that MEDC will be giving out funding for projects. He suggested moving the train to Sportsman Park as a project. Atkins suggested a committee be formed to start working on moving the train for this funding. McCleod will be Chair with Worgess and Atkins.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

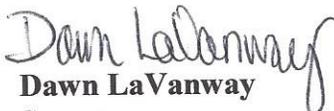
**Next meeting is rescheduled for Monday, October 5, 2015.**

**Following meetings are:**

**Monday, November 2, 2015**

**Monday, December 7, 2015**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Dawn LaVanway**

**Secretary**