

CITY OF STANDISH  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
March 10, 2020  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-399 E BEAVER STREET  
STANDISH, MI 48658

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
King called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Dennis Whitney, DDA Member  
Kim Hadd, DDA Member  
Denny Wiltse, Vice Chairman  
Kevin King, Mayor  
Eric Richardson, DDA Member(arrived at 1:15)  
Curt Hillman, Chairman  
Robert Wiltse, DDA Member  
Shayna Castle, Vice Chairman  
Amanda Pomaville, DDA Member

ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Peggy Burtch, Clerk/Treasurer City of Standish, Jerry Nelson, City Manager

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
**MOVED** by Whitney and supported by Pomaville to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 as submitted. All yeas, motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Whitney requested that Christmas Light Poles and Veterans Banners be added under Old Business. Hillman requested that DDA Training be added under New Business.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT  
There was no public comment.
6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the Financial Report for the month of February. MOVED by Whitney and supported by Pomaville to accept the financial report as submitted. All yeas, motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. VETERANS BANNERS

The Board discussed a program that would allow banners with Veterans Pictures on them placed on the City Street Lights. The Board discussed possible fees and sponsorships of the banners. It was suggested that the DDA contact the American Legion and the VFW for a listing of veterans. Discussion ensued regarding whether the banners should be just City of Standish Veterans or Veterans from Arenac County. B. Wiltse suggested that the DDA start with Veterans that were killed in action.

B. Wiltse and D. Wiltse stated that they were not in favor of charging the families for the banners. Hillman suggested that there could be a possible business sponsorship program. King volunteered to contact Ryan Klenk for prices for such banners.

King stated that he and Nelson are attending some meetings in the City of West Branch and will ask that DDA Board how West Branch City administered their Veterans Banner program.

On a side note, Whitney commented on the condition of the wreath that is placed on the Veterans Memorial at the Courthouse. Whitney hoped that something could be done to improve the quality of the wreath.

B. CHRISTMAS POLES

There was no new information to report and this topic was tabled.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DDA TRAINING

Hillman distributed information regarding some a free DDA Training Seminar in the City of West Branch. Hillman said the date for the Training is Thursday, March 19, 2020 and hoped that the members would try to attend.

B US 23 STREETScape/CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Nelson reported to the Board on some information he has received from MDOT regarding the total reconstruction of US 23 from the South City Limits to Grove Road. Nelson stated that he has been informed that the project has been moved up to the 2021. Nelson stated that this would be a perfect opportunity for the

DDA and the City to work together to place decorative street lights along US 23 and possibly remove the overhead wires. Nelson also stated that may be a grant available to the City and or DDA to assist with the street scape. Nelson stated that he asked Adam Ball from SSI to begin working on the estimate for the project.

Other topics mentioned were the Loyalty Day Parade scheduled for April 25, 2020 and the County Wide Garage Sale scheduled for June 5 & 6.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before this Board, **MOVED** D. Wiltse and supported by King to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.



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Peggy Burtch Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Standish