

**Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 - 7:30 AM**

Board Members Present: David Ralph, Deb Huch, Jim Hopkins, Linda Huckleberry, Tim Mulcahy, and Wendy Gladding

Board Members Absent: Roy LaMarte, John Hoppough, and Bill Johnson

Others Present: George Bosanic, City Manager
Brad Hool, Clerk-Treasurer
Gae Wolfe, Chamber
Cory Smith, Daily News

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph at 7:35.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting. Board member Gladding made a motion to accept the minutes. Board member Huch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board received a presentation on the Financial Report for December 2015 from Clerk-Treasurer, Bradley Hool. Board member Hopkins made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Board member Huch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the downtown tree removal and trimming. The Board was generally pleased with the work thus far and encouraged the City to continue trimming the locust trees to completion. Additionally, the Board discussed what to do with the space in the planter boxes where the pear trees were located.

The Board continued its discussion of the Lafayette Park - Market Structure with regards to downtown areas. They discussed the committee's activities towards planning for next season's events.

George Bosanic gave an update on the downtown development projects. He informed the Board that the MSHDA and MEDC are merging agencies and consequentially, Ryan Kilpatrick will be reassigned to a new territory and Sue DeVries will be serving as the City's representative.

Gae Wolfe presented the Board with the new marketing brochure to be placed in MDOT rest stops and other similar places. The Board discussed the order of banners to be placed on light poles. The Board will consider the cost for additional banners at the March meeting.

Board member Gladding made a motion to adjourn; supported by board member Huckleberry. Motion carried. Board adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,
George Bosanic