

Harmony City Council/EDA Joint Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2015
6:30 PM

Council Room
Community Center

Present:

City Council Members: Mayor Steve Donney, Kyle Morem, Steve Sagen, and Lynn Mensink.

EDA Members: Chris Skaalen, Steve Donney, and Kerry Kingsley.

Also Present: Umbelina Cremer, Steve Cremer, Melissa Vander Plas, Jerome Illg, and Chris Giesen.

The special joint meeting of the Harmony City Council and Harmony Economic Development Authority was called to order by Mayor Donney and Chris Skaalen at 6:31 PM.

EDA Loan Request

The Council and EDA reviewed a loan request from Vita Partnership, LLC., owned by Umbelina Cremer. The request was for a \$35,000 loan, with a 10 year term, at a rate of 3% fixed interest rate to be used for equipment and other furniture or fixtures needed in order to open a children's learning center named Harmony Kids Learning Center. Giesen said that the request deviated from the typical loan guidelines because it was for more than the \$25,000 maximum, only offered personal guarantees of the owner and their spouse as security when a typical loan of this nature would require more but because of the project's primary financing a real estate mortgage or equipment security agreement would not be advantageous, and that a related business (Harmony Enterprises) already has an active loan with the EDA. The loan committee reviewed the application, the deviations from the guidelines, and recommended approval noting that this project is important for the community. Umbelina and Steve Cremer discussed their project and detailed their construction schedule and programming/service offerings. The Council and EDA discussed at length the importance of this project for the community. It was noted that this project's importance was highlighted in the recent "Experience Harmony" community meetings and survey.

EDA Action: motion by Donney, second by Kingsley to recommend that City Council approve the loan to Vita Partnership, LLC as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: motion by Mensink, second by Sagan to approve the loan to Vita Partnership, LLC as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

EDA Action: motion by Kingsley to adjourn, second by Donney. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Mayor Donney adjourned the City Council meeting.

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.