

**Harrington Public Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**August 15, 2017**

The meeting of the Harrington Public Development Authority was called to order at 7:10pm on August 15, 2017 by President Heather Slack. Those present were: James Kane, Peter Davenport, Marge Womach, Jay Gossett, Jill Plaskon, Bunny Haugan and Heather.

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and a motion by Jay Gossett and second by James Kane approved the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

In the absence of Treasurer Paul Charlton, Jill Plaskon reported there is \$1,586.39 in the checking account plus a donation of \$50.00. A check for \$95.00 will be sent to the vendor for the potty ordered for the Memorial and Benefit Event.

**VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED**

Tim Tipton expressed an interest in filling the vacant Vice President position. His offer was acceptable to those present. A motion by Bunny Haugan and second by Jay Gossett nominated Tim Tipton for the position of Vice President. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISING TRUCK**

Jill informed those present that an old truck body had been found that would work to display advertising for any up-coming events in the community. Jay Gossett suggested a metal frame built to be capable of sliding signs in and out of the frame. He offered to check on sign options. A location for the truck was discussed, but no action was taken at this time. It was also suggested that advertising on the store front windows along Third Street could be effective.

**RENOVATION COMMENTS**

Heather and Jay, who are both renovating buildings on Third Street offered some helpful comments and insight on the renovation of these historic buildings and the commitment of time and expense it takes. The reality about the condition of the buildings and what really is involved in returning them to usable space was shared by them.

**CAR SHOW**

Jill informed the group that the International Drive Your Studebaker Day will be observed at the Studebaker Garage in downtown Harrington with a focus on food to eat and cares to admire.

**OPERA HOUSE SQUARE**

The status of the Opera House Square lot on the corner of Third Street and Wills was discussed. During the July City Council meeting the results of the survey were heard. The majority of the folks responding to the survey wanted grass and benches to start with. Inviting interested community organizations to volunteer for planting grass was suggested. The City (Scott) has said the lot will need to be filled in and an old stairway filled before any water system can be installed. Landscaping and some seating with large basalt rocks was suggested. Comments will be shared with the City who owns the space.

Currently a safety concern with the bricks loose and falling from the building that borders this lot on the south was expressed.

WHO CARES??? WE DO!!!!

Once again Community Pride and pride in our community was stressed. Un-kept yards, fire hazards due to dry grass and weeds, yards full of clutter, abandoned vehicles parked on City streets and numerous other violations were topics for discussion. Enforcement of City ordinances was discussed and frustration was expressed on the lack of action being taken to correct these issues.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 19, 2017 at 7:00pm at City Hall.