



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 8, 2014

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Julie Dirksen presented April minutes. Approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported: Membership dues received: \$1,250.00; Expenses: \$800.00; Balance: \$24,515.71.

Guest Speakers: James Peters and Jason Bart, Town and Country Bank: Financial Wellness for Local Business Employees.

- Goal is to partner with T&C Human Resources Management and the individual Business.
- Business and T&C work together to create individual employee financial goals.
- T&C would provide workshops and various banking services to help individual employees achieve those identified financial goals.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- Announced HyVee Grand Opening: Tuesday, May 13th at 9:00 a.m.
- Alderman McMenamin acknowledged Alderman Jobe for presenting a proposal to restrict Video Gaming to City Council. Council voted 8-2 in support of restriction.
- Alderman McMenamin was questioned re: Esquire property. He reported Phil Spengler, property Realtor, continues to have great difficulty in his efforts to contact AMC/Wang Corporation owners.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- Video Gaming Ordinance: Thanked Council for their support of this ordinance. Membership discussion followed in support of this vote.
- Bel Aire Motel: City will not settle with owners until restrictions are in place. Currently there are 180 violations.
- Discussion re: MacArthur Boulevard improvements: possibility for a Tiff in area adjacent to MacArthur which would provide current owners improvement dollars. Jen announced MBA has created a 501 3C which would allow grants for capital improvements. MBA will work together with Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Office of City Development.

Announcements:

- MacArthur Park Apartments are almost at full capacity. Community Garden is in place and doing very well.
- MBA members urged to take *Welcome HyVee* yard signs for their yards/streets.

- Doug Dougherty was recognized for chairing the Clean Up MacArthur event. It was a great community effort with Franklin Middle School students, teachers and parents; HyVee employees and MBA members participating.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dirksen, Secretary