

**LESLIE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
Minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting, held virtually  
Leslie City Hall, 602 W Bellevue Street, Leslie, Michigan 49251

**Meeting to be held as a Virtual Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, under the authority of Executive Order No. 2020-129 of the Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan.**

**1. Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM. Roll call. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Chair Winslow, Baker, Teague, Sinicropi, & Beegle.

**EXCUSED:** Hooker, Pitmon, Floyd & VanAndel.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Susan Montenegro, Dillon Rush from LEAP.

**Chair Winslow led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Approval of amended Agenda adding to Items of Business d. Leslie DDA Grant & Scoring for Local Businesses.**

Motion Sinicropi, second Beegle to approve the agenda as amended.

All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of the May 11, 2020 DDA Minutes**

Motion Teague, second Sinicropi to approve the minutes.

All ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. Approval of June 2020 Financials.**

Motion Teague, second Beegle to approve the June 2020 Financials.

All ayes. Motion Carried.

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Items of Business**

**A. Report on MEDC Match on Main Grant.**

CM Montenegro reported approximately 22 Leslie businesses applied for this grant, however, none were approved. Chair Winslow stated she would like to see the finalized award list. CM Montenegro stated she would inquire about it and forward a copy to the DDA Board when she receives it.

**B. Michigan Small Business Restart Program Grant Opportunity.**

Dillon Rush from LEAP shared about this grant opportunity. Grant will open July 15<sup>th</sup> and close on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Applicants are encouraged to apply through the LEAP website. LEAP will also have additional documents, scoring process, FAQ section available. More information will be sent to CM Montenegro to be placed on City website and Facebook page.

**C. Downtown Flowerbeds.**

A HUGE thank you was given to Tobey Teague for cleaning up flowerbeds in the downtown. Beegle will contact Mr. Selby regarding maintenance, replanting, caring for of flowerbeds for fall and going forward.

**D. Leslie DDA Grant Application & Scoring for Local Businesses.**

CM Montenegro shared a grant application and scoring process that the East Lansing DDA used to help local businesses that are struggling due to COVID-19. Chair Winslow stated that she would meet with CM Montenegro and Clerk Cox to finalize the grant application and scoring process. Dillon Rush stated the City is already contracted with LEAP so they could also help at no additional cost. This grant will not negatively affect businesses that wish to apply for the Michigan Small Business Restart Program grant through the MEDC.

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by Sinicropi seconded by Teague to adjourn.

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Montenegro,  
City Manager  
Acting Secretary