

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, April 23, 2020, City Hall, Merrill, WI

Present: Ron Peterson, Dan Schneider, Pete Koblitz, Betsy Wiesneski, Paul Russell.

Present: William Bialecki, Lincoln County Economic Development, Dave Johnson, City Administrator and Shari Wicke, Community Development Program Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. Mr. Koblitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Ms. Wiesneski. The motion carried.

No public comment.

Shari Wicke presented how she has been in contact with all active economic development & rental loans with the City to discuss their monthly payments during COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion made by Ms. Wiesneski to continue offering monthly payment options if needed, as long as the COVID-19 pandemic stay home orders are active; seconded by Mr. and motion carried.

Dave Johnson presented the Small Business Emergency Support Program. Proposing granting up to \$1,500.00 per business and making a loan up to \$1,500.00 per business at 0% interest with a three year term. Mr. Johnson proposed a total of \$200,000 be delegated to these two programs. If the need is greater in the Grant Program than the Loan Program that we are able to transfer up to \$50,000 from Loan Program to Grant Program.

Motion made by Mr. Russell to administer the Small Business Emergency Support Programs as presented; seconded by Ms. Wiesneski and motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Koblitz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Wiesneski. The motion carried. Adjournment was at 8:15a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Wicke