

## ***VISITORS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES***

*October 28th, 2024 at 3:40PM*

*City of Valley City Chamber*

Chair Nielson called the meeting to order at 3:40PM.

Members Present: Mary Lee Nielson, Tammy Jo Taft (via Zoom), Tyler Marthaler, Cal Lee

Others Present: Administrator Crawford, Administrative Assistant Hintz

Guests Present: Troy Gunderson, Sam Nielson, Jared Purdy

### **Minutes**

Approve minutes from the 10.11.2024 and 10.14.2024 Visitor Meetings.

Marthaler made the motion to accept, seconded by Taft. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Financials**

Approve the Financials as presented for the Image Enhancement Grant & Food & Beverage Grant accounts. No changes from last meeting.

### **Consider New Image Enhancement Grant Request from James Valley Youth (JVYC) for Christ.**

Troy Gunderson and Sam Nielson spoke on the project. They were able to purchase the building at 302 E Main and are trying to fix the storefront and windows as well as replace the signage. The brick requires tuck pointing, painting and other repairs. Replace the broken windows on the front entrance. As not all the invoices have been turned in yet, the Committee has asked that Troy & Sam get all the quotes and then return to the Committee for approval at that time. The Committee does feel that this is a great project and they want to help, just need to know the quotes first before they recommend an amount to the Commissioners.

### **Consider New Image Enhancement Grant Request from JBJ Properties.**

Jared Purdy with JBJ Properties spoke about the changes that he plans to make on his building at 1010 7<sup>th</sup> ST SE. He will start by replacing 5 garage doors with new insulated doors. He will be replacing the outside tin on 3 sides of the building with ash gray and ocean blue siding and then paint the west side of the building to match. He will also be replacing the windows. The project will clean up the view from Interstate as well as when you drive by in town. The Committee will recommend a \$7500.00 Grant amount to the City Commission.

### **Consider New Image Enhancement Grant Request from L&H Shoe Repair.**

Jill Christensen turned in an application to assist in covering the cost of a new sign/banner on the outside of her business. The Committee will recommend a \$350.00 Grant amount to the City Commission.

Marthaler made the motion to table the JVYC request at this time, seconded by Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

Marthaler made the motion to go ahead with the JBJ Properties up to the \$7500.00 seconded by Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

Lee made the motion to go ahead with the L&H Shoe Shop Grant up to \$350.00, seconded by Marthaler. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review Final Report for the El Valle Taco Shop Grant.** The El Valle Taco Shop has met all of the guidelines presented and the funds have been approved. This grant is complete.

Marthaler moved to accept the final report and close the Grant, seconded by Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

**The Press Release for the ARC of Barnes County and the VCBC Public Library and have been sent out.**

**Discussion was had on increasing the amounts of the grants. Example, if sales tax is collected by the Business, could they qualify for a larger grant amount. They would be required to show their Sales Tax funds.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:26PM.**