**ANAMOOSE JDA MEETING MINUTES**

**12-07-2020**

President Frank Ewert called the Anamoose JDA Board meeting to order this 7th day of December 2020, at 7:11 pm at City Hall. All members were present. Also present were Brad Wagner, lessee of the 1909 Steakhouse, Catherine Wagner, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 10-14-2020 JDA meeting were read and approved. Mertz/Martin. AIF

Treasurer’s Report was submitted and accepted with a balance of $2,554.97. Rudnick/Martin. AIF

**New Business:**

Brad Wagner was present as the one-year anniversary of his lease is approaching, and he had some items he wanted to discuss before signing another year’s lease. Due to COVID-19 mandated restrictions, he is currently required to keep the dining area at 50% capacity. This has greatly reduced the amount of traffic in the restaurant, along with a noticeably reduction in people choosing to eat away from home. If he were to sign another lease agreement, he would like it to be for one year, but on a month-by-month basis if the number of sales does not reflect his ability to remain open for business. Motion to agree to a one-year lease with a month-by-month basis and no penalty. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF. The Board discussed the 5% per year increase in lease amount, stated in the original lease. Due to the current economic situation, the Board decided to keep the lease at $1000.00 per month. Motion to amend the previous motion to include the waving of the increase in lease payment. Rudnick/Goodwin. AIF

President Frank presented a letter from Julia Petrovic, manager of the Farmtastic Heritage Food Hub. Petrovic listed many ways how their business has been affected by the restrictions due to coronavirus in 2020. Petrovic asked the Anamoose JDA to waive the $1,500.00 annual lease payment for the year 2020. The Board decided that while the letter has been considered, they need to abide by the terms of the lease agreement. Schnase was asked to look at the lease wording and report back to the Board. In addition, the Board asked Schnase to contact the USDA and find out if waiving the lease could be an option considering the guidelines set forth in the grant agreement.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Rudnick/Goodwin. AIF

Frank Ewert, President

Laurel Schnase, City Auditor