



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD MARCH 2, 2020 REGARDING  
THE PROPOSED BUSINESS DISTRICT**

The hearing for public comment was called to order at 6:32 PM with council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen present.

Staff members in attendance were Chief Williamson, Perry Mayer, Scott Bryant, Dan Lush, Brad Frankovich, Mayor Dean, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

A few members of the community were also in attendance.

Georgia from Moran Economic Development was present and Keith Moran was available via speaker phone to answer questions.

Keith gave an overview of how a Sales Tax based Business District works in regard to promoting development and re-development of businesses in the district area.

Mike Bailey was present with concerns regarding the designation of the Business District as a blighted area. He felt that this designation would open up a potential for abuse such as eminent domain. He asked how a City wide resolution to implement a sales tax would compare to the Business District in terms of annual revenues.

Brad Poindexter was seated at 6:55 PM.

Eric Hail asked what number of the 300 businesses in the district were currently sales tax generating. Keith believed that number to be about 60%. Eric stated that he has several properties which are satellites to his

main business but are deemed “vacant” because they are not open to business 35 hours a week. He is hoping that the rules of the business district are not too aggressive due to the fact that they are not generating tax dollars.

Keith assured both Mike and Eric that the Business District would be used for development and revitalization and not to penalize those businesses in the district.

The public hearing ended at 7:09 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Moreland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Vicki Moreland

City of Le Roy