



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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October 1, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:00pm by President Tim Hennen, and members, Rodney Atkinson, Scott Hoeschen, Dan Roering, and Andy Welle in attendance.

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Others in attendance: Tom Middendorf and Mike Eveslage

Members not in attendance: Jim Hemker

Approval of the Agenda

Roering moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Welle. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

T. Hennen moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Reappointments

Tom Middendorf's seat was up for discussion as his term expired 09/30/18. Welle expressed that Middendorf had been a valuable addition and would recommend reappointing. T. Hennen stated he would be good with Middendorf being reappointed. Hoeschen also gave support for Middendorf. Atkinson stated he intended on reappointing Middendorf as he liked the different aspect Middendorf brought to broaden the demographic of the EDA. Welle moved to recommend Middendorf for reappointment, seconded by Roering. Motion carried 5-0.

Welle asked if this is when the officers should be reappointed. A. Hennen stated she would have to check the bylaws to see if it should be done in September for at the beginning of the new year.

Welle expressed that at the end of the year he would be resigning.

Budget

A. Hennen stated that since the EDA wasn't able to meet before the Council had to pass the preliminary 2019 budget that the council approved raising the EDA budget to \$12,000, but the EDA could lower it for the final budget. At the same time A. Hennen stated that an Ehlers bill had been received for developing the TIF districts for \$19,000, but A. Hennen had gotten the price down to \$12,000. A. Hennen stated that cost was shown on a budget report generated by Treasurer Wall and with paying the \$12,000 the EDA has \$9,801 in their fund. Welle asked how to do we prevent this money loss from happening in the future. A. Hennen stated going back to getting a sort of development agreement in place with money down up front. Welle moved to approve the \$12,000 EDA budget for 2019, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 5-0.

Welle moved to approve paying the Ehlers bill, seconded by T. Hennen. T. Hennen-yes, Atkinson-yes, Welle-yes, Hoeschen-yes, Roering-abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Discussion

A. Hennen presented the EDA with proposed ordinance copies of: Proposed ordinance regulating nuisance parking and storage; Proposed ordinance regulating housing unfit for human habitation; Proposed ordinance regulating rental housing. A. Hennen asked that everyone go through the proposed ordinance and be prepared to share opinions at the October 15th meeting so that she can relay the information to the council at the October council meeting.

A. Hennen also gave the EDA a copy of the current Section 2010 Public Nuisance ordinance. A. Hennen stated council was looking at segregating certain sections to residential and certain items to commercial/industrial as there are items that would be very difficult for commercial/industrial to abide by. Atkinson stated that having some sort of town hall meeting with the businesses would be helpful to get their feedback. A. Hennen asked the EDA to go through it and just mark up if there are any items that should not be included in commercial/industrial.

The last item A. Hennen presented to the EDA was the idea of a grease trap at Charlie's Café. A. Hennen explained that Charlie's is currently dumping a lot of grease down the sanitary line which is causing a lot of issues for the sewer line that runs in the alley behind city hall. The city is having to spend extra money to get it cleaned out and to prevent backups from happening. A. Hennen stated the grease trap would cost around \$1200 and Charlie's would be responsible for the upkeep. EDA stated if there isn't an incentive to put in the grease trap there would have to be a consequence and the would be the City would do normal maintenance on the line and no more than a normal sewer line should need. Roering moved to recommend to the city council to not spend any city dollars on Charlie's Café grease trap, seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

T. Hennen moved to adjourn, seconded by Roering. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Hennen, EDA President

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary