



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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August 22, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Atkinson and members Tom Middendorf, Tim Hennen, Jim Hemker and Scott Hoeschen in attendance.

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Old Business

May Meeting Minutes

T. Hennen moved to approve the May minutes, seconded by Hemker. Motion carried 5-0.

July Meeting Minutes

Hemker stated he didn't agree how the minutes were written in regards to the EDA "shooting down ideas" brought forth to the EDA. Hemker stated the minutes should make it clearer that it was because of noncompliance with the zoning ordinance, not just because the EDA didn't like the ideas. A. Hennen stated she would make that clearer in the minutes. Middendorf moved to approve the minutes with the changes, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Creamery Update

A. Hennen updated the EDA on the happenings in the Creamery. A. Hennen stated that a person wanted to start a used car lot at the site, but could not because it was not zoned to support that type of business. A. Hennen stated she talked with Florian Blenker and Dave Welle and explained the options they had to submit a rezoning application and then if that was approved they would have to apply for a Conditional Use permit and that all of this was decided by the City Council. After some consideration the Creamery did not submit a rezoning application.

Tim Dally Needs for Development

EDA found the information helpful. Hemker stated that he would never recommend contracting Tracy Ryan's services from poor City experience with her in the past.

Harold Fleegal Property

A. Hennen stated that Fleegal would be attending the regular council meeting and would give an update as the next EDA meeting depending on what information is gathered from Fleegal.

New Business

Matt Imdieke Rezoning Request

A. Hennen informed the EDA that Matt Imdieke has applied to get his lot rezoned from I-1 to C-3 to allow for storage facilities to be built. EDA asked about the utility line that runs through the property. A. Hennen stated that we could ask Matt for an easement, but that seemed unlikely so the City may end up having to

move the line. A. Hennen stated that if the line was moved the City would obtain an easement to prevent something like this in the future.

Spot Zoning Info

EDA was pleased with the information and happy with the clarification.

Adjourn

T. Hennen moved to adjourn at 1pm seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 5-0.

Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary