



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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November 8, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

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

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Other attendants: Harold (Skip) Virchow, Carr's Tree Service Field Supervisor

Members not in attendance: Tom Middendorf

Carr's Tree Service Industrial Lot Sale Consideration

Skip, Carr's Tree Service Field Supervisor, stated that he is interested in purchasing the lot that is south of Carr's current lot. EDA asked what he is willing to offer for the lot; Skip said he would offer \$18,000. Skip stated that the ground isn't great in that area and he has had to bring in a lot of fill and crushed granite on their current lot, which has been costly and he knows they will have to do that on the new lot as well. Roering stated he understood since he ran into the same thing on his lot. A. Hennen stated the only reason she started at \$29,000 for the lot is because she went off of the purchase price Carr's paid for their current lot, which came out of \$0.81 per square foot, but finding out about the ground quality can change that. Skip stated that he likes being in Freeport and doesn't want to leave. They employ over 40 people and do as much business in town as they can. Skip stated that they would be using this additional lot as a parking area and for potential future expansion. Roering moved to sell the property to Carr's Tree Service for \$18,000, seconded by Atkinson. A roll-call vote was requested: Roering-yes, Welle-yes, Atkinson-yes, Hemker-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Hoeschen-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

The EDA asked Skip if he would be interested in purchasing the other lot to the south, all the way to the road. Skip said he would be very interested and asked, since it is the same size lot, if he could get that for \$18,000 too. Hemker moved to sell the second lot for \$18,000, seconded by Hoeschen. A roll-call vote was requested: Roering-yes, Welle-yes, Atkinson-yes, Hemker-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Hoeschen-yes. Motion carried 6-0. Skip said the first lot was a done deal, but he would have to check on the second lot and would let A. Hennen know of that decision.

Adjourn

Hoeschen moved to adjourn at 12:30, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 6-0.

Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary