



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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June 18, 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, Jim Hemker Dan Roering, Scott Hoeschen and Tom Middendorf attendance.

Andy Welle arrived at 12:02

Rodney Atkinson arrived at 12:08

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Others in attendance: Shannon Bertram

Members not in attendance: None

Approval of the Agenda

Middendorf moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Roering moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Middendorf. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business

Welle Addition

It was expressed that we were not following normal TIF procedure in terms of establishing a TIF District in two areas of two, one being for the Welle Addition. A. Hennen explained that it seemed everyone was on board when the process started and at that time we had a developer. A. Hennen was told by Todd Hagen, Ehlers, that the process could stop at any time after the public hearing, but it was a good idea to get going, at the time to get the process moving, again, when we had a developer.

Bertram explained that a few things have happened lately that have led to him wanting to donate the land to the city. He expressed that the city has put a lot of time and effort into helping him and would like to just hand it over. The EDA stated that they would like to get legal counsel before making any decisions. It was questioned by other members that the EDA was willing to purchase the 10 acres a few months ago for about \$11,000 and now the EDA was unsure they wanted it for free? A. Hennen stated she would contact Scott Hamak to see if he thought there would be any issues in accepting the land donation.

Rental Housing

A. Hennen stated she talked to building inspector, Mark Harren about rental housing. Harren stated that he helps Albany's with theirs, but there would be a few things he would change if he could. First, he stated they do not to an initial inspection of the rental properties in Albany. Harren thinks that should be required. Second, he would require some sort of payment and he was comfortable with charging \$100 yearly, where

Harren got \$75, and the City kept \$25. Harren also stated that he would charge a fee for every follow up visit he had to do. Harren would also require that he do the inspection with the property owner, not the renter. A. Hennen also stated that New Munich recently established housing rental rules and had heard they were stricter. The EDA agreed they would also like to see a copy of New Munich's rental housing rules.

Adjourn

Middendorf moved to adjourn at 1pm, seconded by Welle. Motion carried 7-0.

Tim Hennen, EDA President

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary