



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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July 23, 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, Jim Hemker, Scott Hoeschen and Tom Middendorf attendance.

Dan Roering arrived at 12:02

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Others in attendance: None

Members not in attendance: Andy Welle

Atkinson stepped out of the meeting for a few minutes after meeting was called to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Hoeschen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Middendorf. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

Middendorf moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

Welle Addition

It was first discussed that the EDA should have a plan before accepting the land donation. It was then asked what the downfall would be acquiring the land and holding onto until a developer was found or the city was ready to develop? It was expressed by members that they didn't like the idea of individual grinders and that a lift station would be more appropriate, but then would the benefit of the housing addition outweigh the costs? It was stated by the EDA that a modified and simplified version of a development agreement should be developed that states that any costs incurred by the City for the benefit of the developer should be paid for by the developer. EDA members understood why they shy away from doing that right away since they don't want to scare the developer away, but it would be for the benefit of the City. After further discussion the EDA decided that they would accept the land donation and anything else could be determined later. The EDA agreed though they would not incur any costs including all closing costs during the donation process. Atkinson made the motion to accept the donation contingent upon Hamak's opinion on not paying closing costs, seconded by Middendorf. Motion carried. 6-0.

Rental Housing

The EDA agreed they liked what New Munich had but suggestion a few changes:

1. Meet building maintenance requirements;
2. Conduct background checks on the person applying for the rental permit;

3. The license fee and inspection would annual instead of bi-annual;
4. Increase the rental conversion fee to \$750.00;
5. Verification of homeowners insurance;

The EDA still suggested sending it over to Dymoke for review. The EDA also recommended getting copies of insurance and Errors & Omissions from Harren since he would be doing the inspections.

Adjourn

Roering moved to adjourn at 1:18, seconded by Hoeschen. Motion carried 6-0.

Tim Hennen, EDA President

Adrianna Hennen, Secretary