

**City of Isanti
Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes of
January 3, 2017
Isanti City Hall**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Economic Development Director Sullivan at 7:30 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Roll Call

Members Present: Tara Hallberg, Dan Collison, Steve Lundeen, Ross Lorinser, Paul Bergley and George Wimmer

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

c. Agenda Modifications

No modifications to the agenda were presented.

2. Organization of Advisory Bodies as per Ordinance 181

Economic Development Director Sullivan called for nominations for 2017 officers.

Member Lundeen suggested the officers remain the same as last year. The suggested officers are listed below.

- a) Oath of Office
No new commissioners for 2017. No oaths administered.
- b) Election of 2017 EDA President
George Wimmer as President
- c) Election of 2017 EDA Vice-President
Ross Lorinser as Vice-President
- d) Election of 2017 EDA President Pro-tem
None Suggested.

- e) Election of 2017 EDA Secretary
Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan as Secretary.
- f) Election of 2017 EDA Treasurer
Finance Director Ms. Jackie Fisher as Treasurer.
- g) Adoption of Bylaws
No changes were made to Bylaws.
- h) Adoption of 2017 EDA Meeting Schedule.

Motion by Commissioner Lundeen, second by Commissioner Collison to Adopt of City of Isanti Economic Development Authority Resolution 2017-1 a Resolution Organizing the Economic Development Authority of the City of Isanti. Motion passed unanimously.

President Wimmer assumed the role of Meeting Chair.

3. Approve Minutes of December 6, 2016 Regular Economic Development Meeting

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve the minutes for December 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2014-2016 Minnesota Manufacturing Week Summary Report

Economic Development Sullivan highlighted the manufacturing business reports generated on behalf of the city of Isanti by Greater MSP. 22 visits were conducted in 2016. Sullivan explained that the City enters the raw data from business visits and various reports can be generated to show trends and areas to review. He highlighted a few of the large changes from 2015 to 2016 and also areas that the City scored below neutral for the business environment. Sullivan pointed out that planned investment by companies was down but the ratings for local government assistance and attitude toward business showed improvement.

President Wimmer highlighted some of the recent home sales information in Isanti and the surrounding area. He indicated both he and Economic Development Director Sullivan monitor this information. He indicated values were increasing at a higher rate in the City of Isanti than in Cambridge. He indicated that it made sense as incomes were higher in Isanti. He also noted that Isanti has a higher volume of sales compared to Cambridge which was interesting.

No Action was requested and no action was taken as this was an information item.

5. Other Business / Updates

Economic Development Director Sullivan highlighted the Staff Memo which included Whiskey Road Pub and Grub has submitted an IUP. President Wimmer indicate he met with owners and that they understand City expectations. Final number of single family housing permits for 2016 was 63.

- a. Business Prospects

- b. GPS 45:93
- c. EDAM – Winter Conference
- d. CGI
- e. CVN
- f. Housing Starts in 2016
- g. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2016

6. Adjournment

Lundeen motioned, seconded by Bergley to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 3rd day of January, 2017.

Respectively Submitted,

Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director