

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

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Wimmer at 7:11 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

**b. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Dan Collison, Ross Lorinser, Paul Bergley, George Wimmer and Steve Lundeen

Commissioners Absent: Tara Hallberg

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

**c. Agenda Modifications**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Approve Minutes of September 5, 2017 Regular Economic Development Meeting**

Motion by Lorinser second by Lundeen to approve the minutes as presented for September 5, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Isanti Hotel Update**

Economic Development Director Sullivan outlined the remaining processes/steps involved in the 60 Unit Best Western Plus Hotel Project. He indicated that there would be a public hearing on October 17, 2017 at the City Council Meeting to finalize the complete assistance package and to approve the form and content of the Development Agreement.

No action was taken on this item.

**4. Consider Recommendation for Submittal of 2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Resolution to East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC)**

Economic Development Director Sullivan highlighted the changes from the 2016 to 2017 CEDS document. The changes involved updated impacted populations and to better define the hotel project and related redevelopment plan. He stressed that it enabled the project to be eligible for Federal EDA funds although it was unlikely funds would be received.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Lorinser to recommend approval and submittal to ECRDC of 2017 CEDS. Motion passed unanimously

## **5. Other Business / Updates**

Sullivan stated 75 single housing permits have been pulled and 5 more are waiting to be picked up. This is well ahead of the pace set last year as there were 55 at this point last year. Meetings have been taking place and more are scheduled for this week for MN Manufacturing Week.

Sullivan stated O'Reilly Auto Parts, Rockstad and Co Relics and Wares, and KAS Bodyworks were recently opened or would be opening soon.

Commissioner Lorinser asked on the status of the Pub and Grub project. Lorinser indicated that there was a restaurant was opening in Fridley.

Sullivan indicated the he was unaware of any change of plans for the Isanti location.

Commissioner Collison stated that RR BMX did not receive 2018 National Event. One reason was the lack of Hotel in community.

President Wimmer stated that the Hotel was looking at a December 2017 because it had been delayed by Isanti County. We also stated that the level of involvement by the city has changed through this process. The City will not be a partner nor a source of financing (in the form of Revenue Bonds) for the project as previously contemplated.

President Wimmer mentioned that the City had met with representatives of Quik Trip and Riverside Market to discuss a possible project.

- a. Business Prospects
- b. Marketing Materials
- c. EDAM
- d. GPS 45:93
- e. Financial Resource Summit – ECRDC
- f. 2017 Minnesota Manufacturing Week
- g. Housing Starts in 2017
- h. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2017

## **6. Adjournment**

Lundeen motioned, second by Bergley to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 5th day of October, 2017.

Respectively Submitted,

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Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director