

**City of Isanti
Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes of
October 4, 2016
Isanti City Hall**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Wimmer at 7:31 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Tara Hallberg

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

c. Agenda Modifications

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda as presented by Lundeen, second by Collison, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Collison second by Bergley to approve the minutes for September 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider Request for Contribution to Minnesota Economic Development Foundation (MNEDF)

Economic Development Director Sullivan highlighted the staff memo and the history of City of Isanti Awards from the MNEDF for Interns and Training opportunities. Sullivan indicated that he has been the recipient of a scholarship for training for NDC and that the organization has done great things for economic development and provided a valuable service for the City of Isanti. He stated that this was not a budgeted item and that a funding source would need to be identified. Sullivan asked the EDA to consider supporting this organization with a donation.

Discussion ensued.

President Wimmer acknowledged that this was not a budgeted item but the Council does have the discretion to add items such as this. He indicated that the General Fund, or other Funds that were possibly under budget, could be used for these type items.

Member Dragisich stated that he supported making a donation to the fund because the City had been a scholarship recipient multiple times.

Motion by Lundeen second by Dragisich to recommend to the City Council a donation of \$1000 to be made to MNEDF and to refer to Finance Committee to identify that funding source. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Business / Updates / Communications

Sullivan highlighted items on the Staff Memo.

Lundeen informed the EDA that the construction traffic associated with Allina has not be ideal. A Stop sign was needed.

President Wimmer stated that it was part of the site plan and that Allina was responsible for putting a stop sign in and the City would reciprocate at the McDonald's development.

President Wimmer stated that Coborn's is looking to phase the gas station area. They want to do the pumps immediately and at some point would like to do the carwash.

President Wimmer informed the EDA that Governor Dayton visited SnoBear USA in Isanti and that we have a very good meeting about SnoBear USA, economic development and use of state programs.

Discussion about housing market and trends occurred. Thought was the season was wrapping up and that there still was sufficient lot inventory in the City.

- a. Business Prospects/Projects
- b. GPS 45:93
- c. EDAM
- d. NLX Steering Committee
- e. CVN
- f. CGI
- g. Promotional Bag and Welcome Brochure
- h. 100- 102 Dahlin
- i. Minnesota Manufacturing Week – October 2 - 8
- j. Housing Starts in 2016
- k. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2016

6. Adjournment

Lundeen motioned, seconded by Collison to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 4th day of October, 2016.

Respectively Submitted,

Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director