Economic Development Authority December 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes VIA Zoom

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:57pm
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - **b. Roll Call:** Members present: Jeff Johnson, Jimmy Gordon, Paul Bergley, Dan Collison, Steve Lundeen, Justin Nielson, Luke Merrill. Staff present: Community Development Director Sheila Sellman, City Administrator Josi Wood.
 - c. Agenda Modifications: None
- 2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Lundeen, second by Merrill, motion passed 7-0.
- **3. Approve minutes of November 4, 2020 regular meeting**: Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve, motion passed 7-0.

4. Public Hearing

a. Sale and Subdivision of Shovel Ready site PID 16.124.0020: No one from the public was present for this item. Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve, motion passed 6-0 with Nielson abstaining.

5. Business Items

- **a.** Commercial land discussion: The EDA continued the discussion on buying commercial land for redevelopment/developments. Gordon reiterated he is against the city owning more land. Sellman explained there is no cash available to purchase. At the last meeting the EDA asked staff to provide an estimate on the cost to make a site shovel ready. Sellman reported with the survey work and application process it would cost around \$15,000. No action was taken.
- 6. Other Business/Updates/ Communications: Sellman asked if one of the EDA members wanted to attend the Retail Academy as there is an open spot. The member will need to do this on their own time. Merrill expressed interest. Motion by Bergley to approve Merrill to attend the academy, second by Gordon, motion passed 7-0.
 Sellman mentioned the annual Chamber of Commerce membership is due, the membership fee for 2021 is \$503. The EDA discussed the Chamber before it merged with Cambridge and that they liked it better when the City had their own. It seems like Isanti has lost their identity in this group. Merrill mentioned being a member is good marketing for the city. The EDA would like Sellman to continue to attend the meetings and get more involved, the board will reevaluate the membership next year. Motion by Merrill to renew the membership, second by Bergley, motion passed 5-2. No: Johnson and Gordon.
- **7. Adjournment:** Motion by Bergley, second by Lundeen to adjourn, motion passed 7-0 meeting adjourned at 10:14pm.