

**City of Isanti**  
**Economic Development Authority**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of**  
**February 2, 2016**  
**Isanti City Hall**

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Economic Development Director Sullivan at 7:19 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

**b. Roll Call**

Members Present: Tara Hallberg, Keith Dragisich, Dan Collison, Steve Lundeen, Paul Bergley and George Wimmer

Members Absent: Adam Johnson

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

**c. Agenda Modifications**

No modifications to the agenda were presented. Motion to approve Agenda as presented by Collison, second by Lundeen, motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approve Minutes of January 5, 2016 Regular Economic Development Meeting**

Motion by Lundeen second by Collison to approve the minutes for January 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. 100 Dahlin Ave NE**

Economic Development Director Sullivan outlined the staff memo and indicated the he was in process of obtaining quotes and written correspondence from the landowner that would allow the City to perform due diligence for the property. He also indicated that Finance Committee will be identifying a funding source for the project. TIF 9 is possible but it is likely that the General Fund will issue an inter-fund Loan and with the intention to be reimbursed through TIF. Historically the area has had TIF assistance to help get things moving.

Commissioner Bergley asked about the large range in the demolition cost estimates

President Wimmer stated he felt the building would be torn down and there could be an extended “hold” period and that the City should be prepared for that. He indicated the city could choose to do nothing but that could end up like the Arlington which was not a desired outcome.

Sullivan stated that it was due to the uncertainty of the environmental conditions. If there was asbestos, mercury or other hazardous materials there is a higher cost associated with the demolition and the depositing of the debris at landfills.

Consensus was to keep the EDA up to date on project.

#### **4. 2016 Mayor's Employer Celebration Day**

Economic Development Director Sullivan presented the staff memo. The event will be held on June 7, 2016 at Isanti City Hall/ Community Center. He indicated that this location has served the event well in the past.

Sullivan indicated that he felt that due to the number of businesses being recognized the event might be closer to \$700 versus \$600 and that it was within his discretion for the budget.

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

Economic Development Director Sullivan highlighted the Staff Memo.

President Wimmer indicated that the 108 unit market rate apartment project was still looking like it was moving forward and that he would be talking about it at the Mayors State of the City. The project would help economic development activities.

Commissioner Lundeen informed the EDA that Lisa Marie (painter of mural on Family Pathways) and Al Anlauf passed away recently.

Commissioner Lundeen indicated that trying to bring a dentist office to Isanti would be a good idea.

President Wimmer summarized the City Council Goal Setting meeting regarding the Hotel for the EDA.

- a. Business Prospects
- b. Business Expansions
- c. 2016 Tourism Market Study Update
- d. GPS 45:93
- e. EDAM – Winter Conference
- f. Business Meetings
- g. Housing Starts in 2016
- h. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2016

#### **6. Adjournment**

Lundeen motioned, seconded by Bergley to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 2nd day of February, 2016.

Respectively Submitted,

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Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director