

**City of Isanti**  
**Economic Development Authority**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of**  
**April 4, 2017**  
**Isanti City Hall**

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Economic Development Director Sullivan at 7:17 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

**b. Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

**c. Agenda Modifications**

No modifications to the agenda were presented. Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to adopt Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Approve Minutes of March 7, 2017 Regular Economic Development Meeting**

Motion by Lundeen second by Lorinser to approve the minutes for March 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. 2017 Mayor's Employer Appreciation Luncheon**

Economic Development Sullivan presented the staff memo highlighted the previous success of the event and the importance of it moving forward. It was noted that this year would mark the 10<sup>th</sup> year of this event. Sullivan suggested that the event not be changed due to its success. Sullivan stated that costs had been going up due to the increased numbers of businesses and the milestone anniversaries and the recognition plaques. He asked the EDA to authorize him to move forward with coordination of the 2017 event to be held on June 6 at the Isanti Community Center.

President Wimmer stated it has grown every year. He thanked Commissioner Warring, who was present at the meeting, for his volunteer work and participation in the event. He also acknowledged participation by elected officials and Isanti businesses in past events. He indicated that it is a great opportunity to share with businesses how Isanti has changed from the past year.

Motion by Bergley, second by Lundeen to approve June 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 as event date and to authorize Economic Development Director Sullivan to coordinate event.

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

President Wimmer updated the EDA about the Circle B retreat Center in Isanti Township. He and Economic Development Director Sullivan met with the owner and based on the conversation the owner has withdrawn his application to the Isanti County for the CUP. The intent is to now request annexation into the City of Isanti so the entire project would be in city limits.

Sullivan indicated that he was meeting with interested parties in regards to the hotel. Consensus was that another hotel was needed in the Isanti –Cambridge Market and whatever location secured on first would probably hinder efforts to get one in the other community for quite some time.

The estimated timeline for the Whiskey Road Pub and Grub to open was pushed back.

Sullivan highlighted the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension meeting and the level of participation by the stakeholders. He was encouraged by the open discussion and thought that he would have something to report in a month or so.

President Wimmer echoed Sullivan's optimism and thought the meeting with stakeholders was very productive and that the stakeholders need to work with each other and the city to find a fair solution.

Sullivan updated the Staff memo information with 15 new housing permits being pulled with 4 more ready to be picked up.

Commissioner Lorinser asked what the annual projections were for the SAC and WAC hook-ups for the sewer and water study.

Sullivan stated that it was based on 25 SAC and WAC hookups annually.

- a. Business Prospects
- b. GPS 45:93
- c. CVN
- d. EDAM
- e. City and Park Logo Registration
- f. Community Map
- g. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension
- h. Housing Starts in 2017
- i. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2017

## **6. Adjournment**

Lundeen motioned, seconded by Lorinser to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 4th day of April, 2017.

Respectively Submitted,

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Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director