

City of Isanti
Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes of
May 1, 2018
Isanti City Hall

1. Call To Order

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

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

c. Agenda Modifications

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lundeen, seconded by Commissioner Bergley to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes of April 3, 2018 Regular Economic Development Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Collison seconded by Commissioner Hallberg to approve the minutes for April 3, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider Authorization for Advertising for Quotes for Lease of EDA/City Owned Crop Land

Motion by Commissioner Collison seconded by Commissioner Bergley to authorize Staff to advertise for quotes for lease of city owned crop land. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Business / Updates

Economic Development Director Sullivan highlighted the Staff Memo. Sullivan updated the information on housing starts to 26 new permits pulled with 11 in process.

President Wimmer indicated there was a piece of legislation in house Omnibus bill that would impact EDA's and the ability to lease back facilities to cities. He also stated that class 1 cities were exempt.

Economic Development Director Sullivan indicated there were bills in the house and Senate that impacted MIF and JCF. He indicated that EDAM was lobbying against them and that the City had contacted local legislators and expressed strong opposition to bills that would negatively impact programs.

President Wimmer stated the City has used MIF and it was an important economic development tool. He also stated that BMX complimented the City on the provision of promotional bags.

Commissioner Bergley asked for an update on the hotel project.

President Wimmer stated the project was moving forward. The City has been ready to close for 6 months.

Economic Development Director Sullivan stated that the financing is being reviewed by the financial institution and that he was confident that the project was moving forward. Sullivan indicated that there was a possibility the project could have broken ground last fall and began construction during the winter in hopes of favorable costs. The developer indicated there was no cost savings, as hoped, and decided to have the project rebid for the typical spring/summer construction season. The rebidding process and submittal of revised construction plans delayed the final approval process from the financial institution.

- a. Business Prospects
- b. EDAM
- c. GPS 45:93
- d. City Promotional Bag Program
- e. Mayor's Employer Celebration Day
- f. Economic Development / Marketing Intern
- g. Innovative Approaches to Career Readiness – May 4, 2018
- h. 2017 (2018) MBAF Report Complete
- i. Housing Starts in 2018
- j. Business Arrivals and Departures in Isanti 2018

6. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Collison, seconded by Commissioner Bergley to adjourn at 7:19 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota, this 1st day of May, 2018.

Respectively Submitted,

Sean M. Sullivan, Economic Development Director