



Approved

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
01.09.24**

Absent: Jeremy Dresel

Guests:

President Peterson called a closed session meeting to order at 4:00pm to discuss a sale of EDA owned property. The regular meeting is to resume after the closed session.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kyle Peterson called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance, Marie Rivers, Marlys Dunne, Dallas Fisher, Jason Houle, and Nancy Hoffman from the County EDA/HRA was present.

Staff in attendance was City Administrator John Pechman.

2. APPROVE AGENDA: January 9, 2024.

President Peterson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Dunne seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: December 12, 2023.

President Peterson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 12th minutes. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Dunne seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITIONS

5a. City Council Liaison Report

Commissioner Rivers gave an update on the city council meeting that was held on December 12th. Jack Doepke the cable television public access coordinator, has retired from the cable commission. The commission has hired a replacement. The council will have their first meeting of the year on January 9th. The council adopted the final tax levy and budget. A tobacco license was denied for a Sportsman's Dr. location. A continuance was issued on the Peterson Solar Farm application.

5b. County & Neighboring City EDA Updates

Hoffman spoke about a few events that are happening. The Chisago County Collaborative Initiative (CCCI) has an event on January 24th Ben Winchester will be presenting, Rewriting the Rural Narrative. The county will also be putting on a grant writing class for the cities. BYOB, Build Your Own Business will also be putting on a program for people interested in building their own business.

The county HRA will have approximately 134k in housing funds coming from the state, this will be put into the Housing Trust Fund. Dunne mentioned the counties affordable housing rentals, and the childcare grant.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. Monthly Financial Report.

Finance Director Gemuenden submitted the monthly financial report.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Highway 8 Project

Dunne stated that the 5 million dollars in project funding from the federal government was approved. DNR is still dealing with the bat issue, but the project is still moving ahead.

2. Land Development Activity

3. Fund 51 Update

Commission discussed the use of this fund towards infrastructure.

9. NEW BUSINES

9a. Authorization to Execute Resolution for Grant

Pechman gave the commission a draft of a grant application for the \$215,000 towards infrastructure costs to the EDA owned property.

Commissioner Rivers made a motion to authorize the signing of the grant resolution; Commissioner Dunne seconded; all ayes; the motion carried.

10. ADJOURN

Commissioner Rivers made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Dunne seconded; all ayes; the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alisa Bodell
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