



Approved

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
01.14.25**

Absent: Jason Houle
Guests:

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kyle Peterson called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance, Kyle Peterson, Marlys Dunne, Marie Rivers, MaryJo Wiatrak, Jeremy Dresel, and Dallas Fisher.

Staff in attendance was City Administrator John Pechman. Nancy Hoffman from the County EDA/HRA was also present.

2. APPROVE AGENDA: January 14, 2025.

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

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: December 10, 2024.

President Peterson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 10th minutes. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Dresel 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 which was held on December 10th. Council agreed to having the regular council meeting on January 14th and hold a Liberty Lane-Karmel Ave. workshop on January 28th at 5pm. Council approved the revised municipal code #302 for an ATV ordinance allowing use on city streets. Variances for 9739 Bjorkman Lane for a lot split and 28845 Park Place for a home addition were both approved.

Council accepted donations to the OWLLS program and to the Rotary Park Peace Pole project. They adopted the 2025 Final Tax Levy and Final Budget. The remainder of the 2021 ARPA funds were approved to be used on a land purchase. Commissioners Hawkinson and Weidell-LaBathe's terms were expiring from the planning commission and council approved their

reappointment. There was a design review submitted and approved for Midco. Three cannabinoid registrations were accepted, and the Public Works purchase request of a 2019 Vac Truck was granted.

5b. County & Neighboring City EDA Updates

Hoffman stated the housing study is near completion. There were 5 housing tax credit applications from the county given to developers. 2 for affordable housing, 1 for affordable senior housing, and 2 for senior disabled housing. On January 22nd Wednesday the Chisago County Collaborative Initiative is giving a tour of the jail if anyone is interested.

5c. 2025 Meeting Dates-November 11th Holiday

A list of the 2025 meeting dates was distributed to the commission. The only conflict is the November meeting date falls on a holiday, this will be changed/cancelled by commission closer to the date.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. Monthly Financial Report.

Commission discussed. Pechman will bring an updated cost sheet for the land purchases.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2025 Goals & Updates

1. Highway 8 Project

Dunne supplied the commission with an update, the Blanding Turtles are still an issue. Dresel mentioned that the Council Workshop that will be on the 28th will have discussion on the Highway 8 project, the roundabout and highway accesses. The city has plans to update Karmel Ave. and Liberty Lane in 2027 as the highway project is finishing; this workshop will discuss this project and how it will coincide with the Hwy 8 project. Rivers asked about sewer and water being installed.

2. Land Development

Pechan showed the commission a map where the city is purchasing a 5.75-acre parcel of land. The land is under a purchase agreement with the Holmquist family and should close by the end of the month. This 5.75 acres will be the next industrial lot, and the surrounding area will be the next industrial park for the city. Pechman has been working with a potential business that is interested in this location. Depending on which businesses utilize the available land there may not be a need for the cul-de-sac in the Kichisaga Plat which would save the city and EDA on the infrastructure money for that portion of the project. Pechman showed the commission the two different industrial areas on the GIS map and discussed.

3. Business and Residential Opportunities

Focus on this would be business licensing and development of business lists for marketing. Residential Opportunities would include the update on the housing study and where the city falls with senior housing, workforce housing, and rental housing.

4. Business Engagement Event & Community Outreach

Commission will bring ideas together for a type of community event or get a small group together to come up with a presentation.

9. New Business

9a. Celebration of the Lakes Sponsorship

Dunne presented the commission with a schedule of events. The celebration will be the weekend of February 7-9th. The Lindstrom EDA donated \$500.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Celebration of the Lakes Sponsorship; Commissioner Dresel seconded; all ayes; the motion passed.

10. Adjourn

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