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**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
02.11.25**

Absent: Dallas Fisher
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 Jason Houle.

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

2. APPROVE AGENDA: February 11, 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: January 14, 2025.

President Peterson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January 14th minutes. Commissioner Dunne made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Rivers seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITIONS

5a. City Council Liaison Report

Council met on January 14th. Council appointments were made, and new council member Mark Anderson and mayor Dresel took their oath of office. A workshop was held on the 28th of January to discuss Karmel Ave. and Liberty Lane. The board of review for taxes is set for April 23rd. The fee schedule was approved, and the limited liability insurance coverage was kept for the year. The 11325 Interlachen Road variance was approved. There was a first reading for the massage ordinance and council delegated the cannabis licenses to the County. A liquor license was approved for Clutch Golf LLC.

5b. County & Neighboring City EDA Updates

The last draft of the housing study was done, once it is complete all cities will meet and talk about recommendations. There were 5 developers that submitted

to the county for tax credits, two were awarded for preservation and not new construction. The HRA/EDA participated with one of the developers through the Housing Trust Fund.

The county held a childcare event, Childcare Champions Training Day, providers received development training, this was put on to help retain providers. Hoffman attended the Lindstrom EDA meeting; they are putting together a design standard for business to use if they are updating their façade.

Dunne spoke about the tax abatement for the Stacy Hardware Polaris dealership, they are expanding to a different location within Stacy, constructing a new building. She also mentioned that April 23rd. is the next large CCCI meeting. The speaker that is presenting is Dave Unmacht, a retired Scott County Administrator.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. Monthly Financial Report.

Finance Director Gemuenden submitted the Financial Report.

7b. Assign Officers

Commissioner Dresel made a motion to nominate Kyle Peterson for President of the EDA; Commissioner Rivers seconded; Commissioner Rivers made a motion to nominate Marlys Dunne for Vice President; Commissioner Dresel seconded; Commissioner Dresel made a motion to nominate Jason Houle for Secretary; Commissioner Rivers seconded; all ayes; motions approved.

Commissioner Peterson President, Commissioner Dunne Vice President and Commissioner Houle Secretary.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2025 Goals & Updates

1. Highway 8 Project

Dunne said that significant progress has been made on the banded turtles. Pechman stated that the city has seen a lot of movement on the project over the last couple of weeks, some final design drawings were submitted, and final comments were asked for. Pechman spoke about the workshop for Karmel and Liberty Lane, a lot of discussion on what should or can be done in that area. If the trail is installed the city will install sewer down to Pioneer. Hoffman spoke about programs that could help businesses get through the construction. Pechman said once detours and construction starts it would be a good idea to get the word out to the local businesses, to help them maintain business during construction.

2. Land Development

3. Business and Residential Opportunities

Dunne stated that this goal is to be aware of any new opportunities for business coming in, any new buildings/lots available. Commission will look for any updates on the Chisago Lakes Apartments as construction continues. As of now they are hoping for the first leases to start in August.

Rivers mentioned she has a parcel for sale by Fisk Tire for a potential new business.

Houle stated that his last business location was in Columbus, and they did a yearly Columbiz meeting that was very popular, he will send the commission the information.

Rivers asked about the Disc Golf course; Pechman stated that it has been open since August, they have had over 600 participants use the course. There is also a walking and nature trail at the location.

Peterson asked about the abandoned house next to Smitty's bar, Pechman stated the owner of Smitty's has purchased it.

Dunne asked about the timeline for Clutch Golf LLC, Pechman thought October of this year.

4. Business Engagement Event & Community Outreach

9. New Business

Dunne wanted to thank Commissioners for their contribution to the Celebration of the Lakes, it was a success, and a lot of community members and visitors were on the lake.

10. Adjourn

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