

**APPROVED
MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JULY 11, 2011
5:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Ted Phillips EDA President called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Economic Development Authority to order for July 11, 2011 to order at 5:30 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Economic Development Authority were present: EDA Members, Ted Phillips, Mike Soule, Jerry Owens, Eric Peterson, Charles Jerrick, and Linda Nanko Yeager

Absent: Wilner

Also Present: City Administrator Craig Mattson and City Staff Member Robb Linwood and Chisago County HRA/EDA Director Chris Eng.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The EDA Chairman determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

"An opportunity for members of the public to address the Economic Development Authority on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring action maybe deferred to staff for research or future EDA Agendas if appropriate."

"NO COMMENTS RECEIVED"

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1 Consider approving the minutes of the "Regular Meeting" of the Wyoming, Minnesota Economic Development Agency for June 13, 2011.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY EDA MEMBER NANKO-YEAGER, SECONDED BY EDA MEMBER OWENS, TO APPROVE THE "REGULAR MEETING" MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR JUNE 13, 2011 WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ADD MIKE SOULE'S NAME TO MOTIONS.

Voting Aye: Owens, Soule, Peterson, Jerrick, and Nanko-Yeager, Phillips

Voting Nay:

Abstain: none

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

2. Trooper Glen Skalman – Memorial Item

Mike Shepherd was present to discuss a memorial for trooper Glen Skalman. Officer Shepherd told the story of Mr. Skalman. Mayor Peterson suggested that we could name the business park after Glen Skalman. Mayor Peterson believes it would help with cost of the signage for the park. Mr. Shepherd believes that the State Trooper fund would be interested in putting on some sort of fundraiser. Mr. Shepherd explained that that the family does have interest in having input in the memorial. A fundraiser could be a large help for the signage. We would have to make sure that the people that donate are aware that the funding is going to the memorial and the signage. A plaque was discussed or maybe a park bench near the walking trail as well. EDA President Mr. Phillips thought that a memorial was appropriate to go along with the signage. Is there any legality that we need to review with the City Attorney before we go forward with this project? Possibly check with the city attorney on this project.

3. EDA Brochure

Chris met with Linda and Jerry this week and they discussed the brochure. A brochure may be a good idea to get your foot in the door with businesses. EDA needs more flash on their Web Page. For the brochure could we just have a general brochure and then have an insert that specializes in different things with an event center or medical center. Mr. Owens said that he would look into putting those together.. What we have done in the city, what we have for plans in the future, and what other cities may be doing for their brochure. The brochure should be put on website as well. Chris Eng said that the county has a folder that all of the cities in Chisago County are represented when they go to conferences. Jerry Owens will lead on this project. It was suggested that the brochure definitely need to make sure the brochure enters our online website.

4. TIF 3-3

Administrator Mattson said that the auditors flagged the TIF that and the legislator changed the law on that, This TIF is a 6 year knockdown rule. WE need to have road construction or some sort of activity by February 2012. The knockdown rule was a 4 year knockdown rule, but anything that was done after January 2005 and before August of 2006. So instead of 5 years to do something you have 7 years. So it

works out that we need something done by February of 2012. We could do something in the district to maintain those funds. We could possibly look at taking the TIF funds, to re-appropriate those funds toward the mortgage on the Bingham property. The EDA members ask for a wish list or different options that are realistic for that district. Possibly speak with Engineer Erickson.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Peterson Companies – Tax Abatement

Has the Joint Powers agreement been signed? We are looking to put in a development agreement that makes sure we have a tenant (Peterson Companies) when the abatement is over.

Chris Eng- The county board called for a public meeting for August 3rd. Chisago city is not worth it to them, they will not have one. The county is asking that the city would establish a public hearing. The city is being asked to give up 100% of our taxes on the \$60,000 for ten years on the project. Chisago city and County would not be giving up much compared to the city. President Phillips believes that the city is setting a poor precedent with giving abatement to the business. One of the rules for economic development is to increase tax base and new tax base. You want to make sure you do the same for existing businesses and new businesses. The question was raised what If the City of Wyoming says no and he moves his building to Chisago City. There is legislation in place right now where they could request an annexation to Chisago City. It is a matter if an administrative law judge deciding, we feel we would have a strong case, but you never quite know how a court hearing will go in the end.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY EDA MEMBER PHILLIPS SECONDED BY EDA MEMBER NO SECOND, TO DENY THE TAX ABATEMENT TO PETERSON COMPANIES, MOTION DIES NO SECOND ON MOTION.
MOTION FAILS**

A MOTION MADE BY OWENS, SECONDED BY SOULE TO MOVE THAT THE EDA DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE PROPOSAL FOR A FULL 10 YEAR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PETERSON COMPANIES TO THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL

Voting Aye: Owens, Soule, Peterson, Jerrick, Phillips and Nanko-Yeager

Voting Nay:

Abstain: none

7. 2011 EDA Work Plan

Downtown Redevelopment – The EDA asked for the names of the people at the U of M that do designs. We want to tie in a theme and make downtown walk able. EDA Member Soule passed out a resolution for supporting the development of Neil Gatzow Park. The park board at this time has been more focused with other projects that they feel are community needs, requests by community members.

A MOTION MADE BY OWENS, SECONDED BY PETERSON TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 11-07 TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEIL GATZOW PARK. *Voting Aye: Owens, Soule, Peterson, Jerrick, and Nanko-Yeager*

Voting Nay:
Abstain: none

MEDICAL GROUP – They are looking for complimentary businesses for Fairview, possibly an orthodontist that Fairview does not have.

SHORELINE RESTRICTIONS ON 257th St. – Jerry has the shoreline ordinances to look at, and what the buildable acreage is on each of those parcels.

MAYOR PETERSON – has been unsuccessful in getting a hold of Kent Roesler, just trying to find out his intentions

A MOTION WAS MADE BY EDA MEMBER OWENS SECONDED BY EDA MEMBER NANKO-YEAGER, TO ADJOURN THE JULY 11, 2011 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING AT 7:17 P.M.

Voting Aye: Owens, Soule, Peterson, Jerrick, Phillips, and Nanko-Yeager
Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None