



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Regular Session of the Economic Development Authority City of Wells, Minnesota

CALL TO ORDER:

The Wells Economic Development Authority (WEDA) convened in regular session on February 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wells Community Center, City Council Chambers. President Brad Heggen called the meeting to order with the following members and employees present: Vice President Kim Sorenson, Commissioner Steve Burns, Commissioner Bruce Mandler, and Commissioner Shannon Savick. Employees present: Community Development Director Austin Bleess and Wells City Administrator Jeremy Germann.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The minutes of the regularly scheduled WEDA meeting held on January 19, 2010 and the special meeting held on February 1, 2010, were reviewed. Discussion held. President Heggen called for a motion. Commissioner Savick made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Sorenson seconded the motion. President Heggen took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Heggen, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

Director Bleess presented the financial reports. Discussion held. Commissioner Sorenson motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills and approved reimbursing the Wells Historical Society and Mike Beckman when the reimbursement from the State Historical Society comes in. Commissioner Mandler seconded. President Heggen took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Heggen, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Heggen brought the issue of the Singleteary Food Solutions project to the floor. Director Bleess informed the Commissioners of the action that was taken during the City Council meeting. The loan was approved by the Council. We are now waiting for the closing date to be scheduled. Discussion held.

President Heggen brought the issue of advertising WEDA programs to the floor. Director Bleess said he is looking for more ideas on how to advertise. It was mentioned the EDA could submit the 2009 Annual Review to the Wells Mirror. Discussion held.

President Heggen brought the issue of the Trailer Court Property to the table. Director Bless informed the commissioners that cleanup will be completed in May 2010. Discussion held. Commissioner Sorenson made a motion to remove this item from old business. Commissioner Savick seconded the motion. President Heggen took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Heggen, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

President Heggen brought the issue of Linder Enterprises to the table. Director Bless informed the Commissioners there is nothing new, but we should hear in March or April about their plans to continue to rent the incubator building. Discussion held.

Director Bless informed the Commissioners that he did not apply for the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund as it would have been cost prohibitive. Discussion held.

President Heggen asked on the rent agreement with Frundt and Johnson. Director Bless informed the Commissioners the request to offer the building for sale was forwarded to the City Council and it sits with them. Discussion held.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Heggen brought the issue of Schrader Enterprises to the table. Director Bless informed the commissioners that he had a conversation with Mike Schrader and they are interested in 3 acres in the South Industrial Park. Mr. Arnie Schrader was present and answered a few questions. Commissioner Sorenson asked on sewer and water connections. Commissioner Sorenson motioned to contact Bolton and Menk and I&S for an estimate on how much it would cost to connect from this building to the Highway Department Building sewer line. Commissioner Burns seconded. President Heggen took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Heggen, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

Director Bless asked on the price per acre for selling in the Industrial Park. Discussion held. No decision was made.

President Heggen relinquished the gavel to Vice President Sorenson and excused himself from the proceedings at 6:05 p.m.

Vice-President Sorenson brought the issue of the Frank Brothers Demolition Grant to the table. Mr. Frank is requesting an extension of the grant to May 31, 2010. Discussion held. Commissioner Savick motioned to approve the extension of the grant to May 31, 2010. Commissioner Mandler seconded. Vice-President Sorenson took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice-President Sorenson brought the issue of the 2010 Day At The Capitol to the table. Director Bless explained what was on the agenda for 2010 Day At The Capitol. He said the event is sponsored by the EDAM and MN NAHRO and that he is asking the EDA and HRA to split the cost of his attendance and mileage. Commissioner Burns motioned to approve splitting the cost of attendance and mileage with the HRA and Commissioner

Savick seconded. Vice-President Sorenson took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice-President Sorenson brought the issue of the South Industrial Park to the table. The information in the packet was reviewed. Commissioner Savick motioned to request that the City Council transfer the land to the EDA. Commissioner Burns seconded. Vice-President Sorenson took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice-President Sorenson brought the issue of the financial report to the table. Director Bleess recapped the discussion from last month. Discussion held. The consensus was that the Commission likes having the EMV as it shows what the EDA is worth.

Vice-President Sorenson brought the issue of publishing the Annual Review to the table. Discussion held. Commissioner Burns motioned to have the Annual Review published in the Wells Mirror. Commissioner Mandler seconded. Vice-President Sorenson took a roll call with Commissioners Burns, Mandler, Savick and Sorenson voting aye. Motion carried.

Administrator Germann informed the Commissioners that the city is looking at an LGA cut again. He asked if the EDA would consider paying a third of the Community Development Director's salary for 2010 and said he would make the same request of the HRA. Discussion held. Vice-President Sorenson asked this topic be placed on the agenda for the March EDA meeting.

Vice-President Sorenson opened the meeting to public comment. There being no public comment, Vice-President Sorenson closed the meeting to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Commissioner Mandler and seconded by Commissioner Savick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Darin Magnuson
Secretary/Treasurer

Austin Bleess
Community Development Director