

# MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING November 1, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 1st day of November, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Peterson, Langan, Egger, Johnson and Wegner.

Absent: Stevenson and Olmsted

The following staff members were present: City Clerk Linda Rappe, City Administrator Theresa Coleman, City Engineer Brandon Theobald and Finance Director Nancy Zaworski

Also Present: Gretta Becay and Jerry Berg

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Pro-Tem Egger called the meeting to order at Noon.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Motion by Johnson, second by Langan to approve the Minutes from October 4, 2016 with all voting Aye

**REVOLVING LOAN APPLICATION FROM DAVID DRIPPS** – City Administrator Coleman stated that the EDA could have Mr. Dripps meet with the finance committee and return to the next meeting if you are interested in seeing additional information from Mr. Dripps. Egger stated that there are questions that they have for Mr. Dripps and asked to table this until the next meeting.

**PROJECT UPDATES** – City Engineer Bandon Theobald recapped the upcoming City projects;  
Main Street Storm Sewer - \$500,000 storm sewer project on East Main Street

South Mantorville Ave - \$733,000 improvement to South Mantorville Avenue

3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW – \$8 million project to totally reconstruct these streets.

Blaine's 2017 Subdivision – Wegner asked why we are doing this and does the City do this for other developers. Theobald stated that the city does the work through petition and waivers and the City assesses it back to the lots as they are sold. Theobald stated that the City offers this option or the developer can put the roads and infrastructure in themselves. The city charges interest on the assessments and there is a drop dead date for it all to be paid for, it doesn't matter if all of the lots are sold. Wegner stated then the City fronts the costs and does the work and then it is assessed back to the developer.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Johnson asked Jerry Berg if he had any questions. Mr. Berg stated that this petition and waiver has not been used in many years and was not used in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and West Main St. projects. Mr. Berg wanted to know why this wasn't available to the residents before. Finance Director Zaworski stated the interest rate is 9% and that is for citizens and developers. Zaworski stated that for small projects we have a revolving fund and when they are paid back all the money goes back into that fund. Mr. Berg asked if the City is bonding for the \$8 million and that interest rate must be lower and why can't we use that interest rate. Zaworski stated that the interest rate is the same for residents as well as developers. Zaworski stated that the City has a set rate to not compete with banks. Wegner asked if we could have a program like Rochester's Service Assured to help residents when they have sewer or water problems. Administrator Coleman stated

that Kasson does not have the critical mass of people participating to afford to do this kind of plan. Egger stated that this was looked into but was not feasible to bring to the next step.

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Rappe, City Clerk