

MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING APRIL 6, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010 at 12:15 p.m.

The following members were present: Kuball, Nelson, Ehmke, Langen, Sturgis, and Torkelson

Absent: Nelson and Wegner

The following staff members were present: Mike Martin, EDA Coordinator  
Linda Rappe, Deputy Clerk

Also Present: Chris Giesen, Deb Harrison

Call to Order: Chairman Ehmke called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2 meeting made by Langen, second by Sturgis. All Ayes.

Financial Report: The financial reports were reviewed. No questions.

Dodge County EDA: Chris Giesen, an independent contractor working for the County, represented the County EDA. The County would like to create a presence of a County EDA, opening communication lines with the Cities and Townships. The County facilitation roll, instead of actually hands-on, would be to point people in the right direction, developing a website and a revolving loan fund. The County is still working on the details, they are just getting the word out to the Cities and Townships. The County would also like to put together a Summit for the Township EDAs and City EDAs in the county, along with the County EDA Board.

It was questioned by the Kasson EDA why there is not a representative from Kasson on the County EDA Board. Mr. Giesen did not have the answer but will look into that.

Downtown Apartment Recommendation to Planning Commission: Martin stated that a request has been made to the Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a first floor apartment in the C-1 Central Business District. The request has been made by Marvin Atkinson owner of 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. Deb Harrison was present representing the Atkinsons. The EDA is concerned that approving this would then allow other businesses to do the same thing. The EDA is also concerned with parking, animals and children in the downtown business. The EDA felt that the location of the building is very good with anchors on each side that attract customers. Ms Harrison stated that they are currently getting bids to make the building more attractive. The EDA was in agreement that they were not in favor of having first floor apartments in the Central Business District. Staff will submit a letter to the Planning Commission summarizing the EDA's concerns.

Other Business: Martin stated at the last City Council meeting the City Council approved Conditional use permits for Jason Wilker Landscaping and Nursery and Cherished Antiques and Refurbishing and the tax abatement for Murphy Auto Body, possibly added 20 jobs within the City of Kasson.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM. Motion by Stugis second by Langen, all Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rappe, Deputy Clerk