

# MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING November 10, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 10th day of November, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Sturgis, Langan, Hopkins and Wegner

Absent: Ehmke, Peterson and Langan

The following staff members were present: Mike Martin, Community Development Director,  
City Clerk Rappe

Also Present: Janice Borgstorm-Durst and Rosie Carlson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Sturgis called the meeting to order at 12:00

**MINUTES:** Motion for approval of the meeting minutes from October 7, 2014 made by Wegner, seconded by Langan, All Ayes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Martin stated that all loans are paid to date and Omar's is one month ahead. There were no other questions.

**MEMBER TOPIC DISCUSSION:** Mike Peterson couldn't be at the meeting but submitted a topic of focusing on the downtown. Sturgis would also like to focus on the downtown. Sturgis also suggested trying to attract light industry to increase the tax base and she doesn't want to push to fill the Zomok property in front of Shopko to fast. Sturgis would like to see a local fast food or local business person to build there. Martin stated that the City is not in direct discussion with anyone on this property and asked the EDA who they suggest getting and how to get someone local. Langan suggested making a presentation at Chamber and advertising it locally. Sturgis asked about the Leutholds building. Martin stated that all sections are privately owned and the people who own them are still working on them. Janice Borgstrom-Durst stated that she was told by Jeanine Hensley who owns a section of Leutholds that the City wouldn't work with her. Martin stated that Hensley wanted free money not a loan, this came before the EDA in January of 2011 and the EDA wanted to see a business plan and to date none has been submitted. Martin stated that no one has been interested in building in the downtown and any open store fronts are privately owned. Sturgis wanted to know about in home businesses that may want to build. Martin stated that is a large investment for an in home business and the incubator building houses two in home businesses that were looking to expand. Martin stated that T and K Towing is looking to move south to expand their business and that would leave that corner open. Langan wanted to know if we can list the property on our website and Martin informed him that it is hard to market other people's property.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Rappe, City Clerk