

MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING February 3, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 3rd day of February, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Stevenson, Peterson and Egger

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

Also Present: Randy Carlson, Mary Ehmke and Gretta Becay

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 12:00

MINUTES: Motion for approval of the meeting minutes from January 6, 2015 made by Langan, seconded by Wegner, All Ayes.

COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS SEARCH PLAN AND CURRENT BUSINESS

ASSISTANCE PLAN REVIEW: Motion by Wegner, second by Langan to table these agenda items to next month when more members are present. All Ayes.

OFFER TO EXISTING BUSINESSES: Community Development Director Martin had sent out a draft letter to the EDA for their comments. The letter has been approved by the EDA and Martin will send this to all commercial businesses. Sturgis wanted to know if that included in-home businesses. Staff stated there is no way to know how many home businesses there are in Kasson. It was discussed to use other avenues to attract home businesses but for now we will send it to storefront businesses.

MARTI ZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST: Marti Electric is asking for a variance to the setbacks in their zoning district. The setback in a C-M District is 50 feet. Community Development Director Martin stated that this area has special consideration with flood plain and watermain easements crossing the properties. Marti would like to expand their office space and Martin had information that Tri-Star Manufacturing is also interested in expansion and that they need further consideration since they are a corner lot. Langan stated that his first inclination would be pro-business and Mayor Johnson doesn't see a problem with this, all were in agreement. Martin will write up a recommendation from the EDA to give to the Planning Commission

JOINT MEETING: Martin stated that Monday, February 9 at 6:30 there will be a joint meeting of the EDA, City Council and Planning Commission here at City Hall in the Council Chambers at 6:30. The bulk of the agenda is made up of questions and each group will be asked to give their opinions and have discussion on the questions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Martin stated that the survey results have been distributed to the EDA. He has completed the letter for the business owners. Jeff Stevenson has agreed to serve on the Journey to Growth Board. Martin has made a draft plan to reach out to new businesses and existing businesses. He has sent the letter to the County EDA from the potential racetrack operator, and he sent a letter to AJ Moosebrugger regarding

purchasing the lot next to him and Mr. Moosebrugger is not interested in dealing directly with the City.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sturgis handed out information on what two other towns have done to revitalize their main streets. Mayor Johnson asked if we had more information on Mayo Clinic. Martin stated that there are meetings coming up and they will be staying in Kasson but we have very little other information at this time.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Rappe, City Clerk