

MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING March 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 March, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Egger

The following staff members were present: Mike Martin, Community Development Director, City Clerk Linda Rappe and City Administrator Theresa Coleman

Also Present: Joe Lonza

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion by Langan, second by Peterson to approve the minutes of regular meeting February 2, 2016 with all voting Aye.

POTENTIAL BUSINESS PROSPECT - Joe Lonza – 1760 Millwork Manufacturing would like to expand and is looking at a lot in Kasson. Mr. Lonza's company makes custom high end moldings and stair parts, flooring, etc., they ship all over the world. Mr. Lonza would like to build a building with a showroom. Chairman Stevenson, Johnson and Community Development Director Martin met with Mr. Lonza at 11AM before the EDA meeting to discuss this. Mr. Lonza is interested in the school and vocational arts and bringing in students who are interested in the craft.

SOCORE SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL – Director Martin stated that this is a project outside of the city limits but in the Dodge County urban expansion area. Dodge County has offered the City the opportunity to comment on this project during a public hearing the County will hold.

Chairman Stevenson stated that this is Meinert's land and they can basically do what they want with it. No other members of the EDA had any strong feelings on this. Director Martin will be going to the public hearing on Monday, March 7, 2016 and will relay the feelings of this body. Meinert's will be leasing this land for 35 years and will not be an eyesore. The EDA would like to make sure the screening is sufficient and taken care of. Langan asked what happens after 35 years, Director Martin stated that they have a mitigation plan where everything has to be taken out and the land restored.

REDMAN LAND PURCHASE – Director Martin the most efficient layout of commerce drive would involve placing the run-off pond north of the street on the corner where the street turns east and is currently owned by Alice Redman. We could get by purchasing .6 of an acre, Ms. Redman owns 2.6 acres south of Masten Creek and it would be ideal to purchase it all. There is no firm proposal to act on at this time.

APRIL MEETING – Clerk Rappe explained that neither she nor any office staff would be available for the April 5 meeting. It was decided to play it by ear.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Rappe, City Clerk