

MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING September 2, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 2nd day of September, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Ehmke, Peterson, Sturgis, Hopkins and Wegner
Absent: Langan, Egger

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

Also Present: Tom Munson, Dodge County Economic Development Director

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

MINUTES: Sturgis would like the minutes to reflect a discussion on flood insurance that was had at the August meeting. Motion for approval of the amended meeting minutes from August 5, 2014 made by Sturgis, seconded by Peterson, All Ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was distributed at the end of the meeting.

FOLKESTAD LEASE PROPOSAL: Martin submitted a proposal and business plan from Paula Ricke who owns and operates Empower You Wellness, LLC out of her home and would like to rent the remaining portion of the Folkestad building. Ms. Ricke is proposing that the City help fund putting in an office and wood sprung flooring in the studio. The rent would be the same as Just Like Home Daycare is receiving which is \$3 a SF and the portion of the building Ms. Ricke would like to rent is 1500 SF. After much discussion including concerns of doing a specialty fitting and the costs. And a concern from Hopkins stating that this building has cost the City much more than was intended and we should get out from under it and sell it.

Motion to recommend renting this space to Paula Ricke, Empower You Wellness, LLC not using more than the budgeted amount for flooring and office and if she would like to upgrade she will have to pay the balance made by Peterson, second by Sturgis, Ayes: Ehmke, Peterson, Sturgis and Wegner. Nays: Hopkins

PROJECT UPDATES:

Shopko construction is on schedule and still due for opening this fall.

Zomok property is now vacated and should be torn down this week.

Plans for the Zomok property – several conversations have been had and most have been food related. Several developers, like Oppidan, have looked at the property and are having conversations with their clients. It has not been officially advertised.

Sturgis asked about Omar's. Martin stated that we will have to put a lien against his properties.

Peterson asked about the coffee shop. Martin stated that it is being used as a construction office and when Shopko is through with it it will be torn down.

Wegner asked about Casey's. Martin stated that Casey's is still having conversations.

OTHER BUSINESS: Tom Munson, Dodge County Economic Development Director was in attendance to introduce himself to the EDA. Munson stated that he would like to collaborate with the City on projects and he is currently involved with DMC and the impact on Dodge County and Kasson-Mantorville. Munson also stated that there is a meeting on September 11 for the Economic Impact of Highway 14 construction. MnDOT, the Highway Coalition will be

there and they would like input from the communities, EDA's and businesses in Dodge County affected by Highway 14.

Chairman Ehmke would like everyone to know that there is an open house at KM Telecom on September 17 to celebrate 1 gig service, invitations will be going out shortly.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Rappe
City Clerk