

MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING February 9, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 9th day of February, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Peterson

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

Also Present: Doug Schuette

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

OATH OF OFFICE: The oath of office was administered to Julie Olmsted

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion by Johnson, second by Langan to approve the minutes of regular meeting January 5, 2016 with all voting Aye.

CREATIVE CAFÉ LOAN APPLICATION: Chairman Stevenson stated that the finance committee had met and recommends turning down the loan to Creative Café based on repayment ability. **Motion to deny the loan application from Creative Cafe made by Egger, second by Langan with all voting Aye.**

CHS ABATEMENT CANCELLATION: This was established when Greenway constructed the new large grain bin and we had to upsize our electrical and bring in bigger transformers. The City agreed to reimburse greenway for these improvements through tax abatement. The increase in electrical service benefited the surrounding area as well as greenway.

There is a clause in the development agreement that says that the School District, City and County has to approve a property sale before the property can be sold and last year the property was sold to CHS. This agreement cancels the abatement once CHS gets their 2015 tax abatement check. This benefits our tax base. The EDA had no comments.

DEAN SCHUETTE PRESENTATION: Dean Schuette was in attendance to inform the EDA that he has purchased the Lutter property north of town last May. He has been cleaning it up. He would like to turn it into some kind of development for the City. Mr. Schuette asked about the extension of 16th St on the north side of the property and would like to offer his assistance if there is anything he can do to help bring that to fruition. Mr. Schuette asked about annexation and would like to see 20% of this property zoned commercial and the rest be zoned residential. Director Martin stated that the City annexes by petition. Mike Martin stated that this fits in with our efforts with Cunningham and gives Cunningham's another person to split the right of way with. Director Martin stated that it is possible that we could help with 16th St. through our MSAS funds. Director Martin stated that extending 16th St. from Mantorville Ave. to County Road 21 (the dump road) would be about \$600,000-700,000. Something would have to be done to slow traffic in that area. Chairman Stevenson asked about a stoplight. Director Martin stated that MNDot is not in favor of stoplights and it is more likely that a roundabout would be suggested but that is a MNDot decision. The school district could push MNDot more. Somebody will have to pay for a study.

PROJECT REPORTS: Director Martin stated that Commerce Drive is moving along, we are looking at a Memorial Day start. The Klocke's asked to have another lot added to the plat because they have had interest. Ms. Redmond owns some land on our side of the creek that we would like to buy and use for retention ponds. City Engineer Theobald is getting started on a lot of permits.

The Folkestad building is sold and closed.

The Mayo project is almost done.

As far as the old elementary school goes last week was the last week to submit supplemental applications for tax credits. Member Johnson asked about the other lots we have for sale.

Director Martin stated that he has not heard anything lately from the realtor.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Rappe, City Clerk