

MINUTES OF KASSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING September 6, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Kasson EDA was held at City Hall this 6th day of September, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Langan and Egglar

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

Also Present: None

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Motion by Wegner, second by Peterson to approve the minutes of regular meeting June 7, 2016 with all voting Aye.

REAL ESTATE LISTING CONTRACT: Community Development Director Martin stated that the current contract has expired and this extends the contract for six months. This is for the Shopko lot and two lots downtown. Johnson stated that he believes the EDA should extend the contract but lower the price. Martin stated that Realtor Swenson does have an idea of where the price should be. Martin stated that it is the access that is holding prospective buyers back from the Shopko lot.

Motion to recommend to City Council to extend the contract with One Stop Realty for another six months and lower the two downtown lots and talk with Mr. Swenson about what he thinks the price should be made by Wegner, second by Johnson with all voting Aye.

REAL ESTATE ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS: Martin provided proposals from the City Attorney and One Stop Realty for help with negotiating the Shopko lot. On the Shopko lot the City owns everything except a 20 foot strip between the driveway and the City's north property line. Prospective buyers who have expressed interest in this lot are interested in a drive thru lot and without an easement or buying this strip of land this would not be possible. The owner of the property is a doctor from Pakistan who lives in New Jersey. Martin asked One Stop Realty and the City Attorney to submit proposals for help negotiating this purchase. The City Attorney's quote is lower than One Stop Realty. Wegner wanted to know if we can use both parties. Martin stated that either way they will work together. Johnson believes that One Stop Realty would have more experience doing this type of negotiation than the City Attorney.

Motion to have One Stop Realty do the negotiations and City Attorney do the legal work made by Olmsted, second by Johnson with all voting Aye.

PROJECT UPDATES: Martin stated that IMS is behind due to weather.

The Commerce Drive bids came in below the engineer's estimate.

Schutte and Cunningham are talking about platting in the northwest area.

North of Tune's in the Radel property there is someone working on developing. Martin stated that there is about 15 acres but there is no highway access and is zoned R-1 with a quarry bordering the one side.

Roads are being worked on in Southeast.

Martin presented a purchase offer on the two downtown lots. This is a very low offer considering the City would still have to pay realtor fees on the sale. Stevenson would like to know the intentions of the buyer about what he would like to do with the lots.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Stevenson asked about what the City is going to do with the old library building. Martin stated there have been inquisitions from the laundry mat and a group of senior citizens who would like it. Peterson stated that would not make many parking stalls. Stevenson suggested having One Stop Realty tell us what it is worth.

OTHER BUSINESS: City Administrator Coleman stated that there is a main street program. This is a way to look at preservation but not the letter of the law historical preservation. Coleman will send the email out again to see if anyone is interested in going.

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Rappe, City Clerk