

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame Room/City Hall

Present:

Steve Sletten, John Kramper, Tom Selsor, Dan Kittleson, Peter Sveum, Ron Christianson and Finance Director Laurie Sullivan

Absent:

Brian Kahl

Others Present:

Mayor Donna Olson, Gary Becker, Paul Lawrence and Matt Dregne (speaker phone)

Call to order:

Sveum called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of November 3, 2015 RDA Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Selsor, seconded by Kramper, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 RDA meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

None

Marathon Site update:

Sveum reported that Ryon Savasta could not attend tonight's meeting. Savasta did inform Sveum that there has been no activity since we reduced the selling price. He has made contact out in the commercial world of the price reduction and hopes that will generate some interest. He plans on attending next meeting.

Milfab Update – Closed Session:

Sveum reported he attended the Council meeting in December and was encouraged by Council to continue to pursue Milfab and to make another offer. Sveum believes the RDA needs advice on how to proceed from the City attorney so Matt Dregne will be joining the conversation via speaker phone later in the meeting.

Moved by Selsor, seconded by Christianson, to close the meeting per State Statute 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties; the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and then reopen for the regular course of business. Time closed: 5:37p.m.
Moved by Christianson, seconded by Selsor, to reopen the meeting for the regular course of business at 6:40 p.m.

Community Development Authority update:

Sullivan and Becker outlined the steps to establish a Community Development Authority (CDA). First step is for the RDA to decide if they are in support of the change, then the Housing Authority and Council will need to give approval. Matt Dregne, the city attorney, will then need to go thru the legal aspects and then the city auditors will need to go thru the financials. The complete process will take around 6 months to accomplish. The RDA responsibilities would remain basically the same, but would serve more as a sub-committee under the CDA. This would be an organizational change more than anything. Moved by Christianson, seconded by Selsor, to acknowledge support of the formation of a Community Development Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Revolving Loan Fund Update:

Sullivan reported there is one loan in progress and was heading to the WBIC loan committee within a week. Loan was for equipment for the Viking Brew Pub. This will be our first successful loan for the Revolving Loan Fund.

Future Agenda Items:

Marathon Site and Revolving Loan Fund update
Milfab Update
Community Development Authority

Adjourn:

Moved by Selsor, seconded by Christianson, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Aide