

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
May 19, 2015**

1. Roll Call

Present: Council Member Mike Franklin, Dr. Chuck Cook, Ray Sandey Dan Elke, Dave Wolf and Ron Jabs

Absent: Council Member Tanya Velishek

Also Present: Administrator Tom Nikunen, Planner Andrew Barbes, City Engineer Mike Waltman

2. Approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 regular meeting

Motion Dan Elke second Dr. Chuck Cook to approve 2. Approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 regular meeting. Motion approved. Vote all ayes.

3. Management Report

A. Business Subsidy Report

Administrator Nikunen gave a general update on the current subsidies and grant programs the City currently offers. These include Tax Abatement, Tax Increment Financing, Jobs for Fees, Facade Improvement Grant and an Internal Building Code Grant.

No Motion Needed.

B. CDA Grant Report

Administrator Nikunen gave an update, the City received a Corridor Readiness grant through the Scott County CDA but did not get the Technical Assistance grant.

The City requested the full \$60,000 grant with a 1:2 Leveraged amount. The City was awarded \$56,150, the monies will be used on preliminary reports needed for future expansion and the Southwest Interceptor. The Southwest Interceptor will enable an area of nearly 1100 acres of commercial/industrial guided space along the TH 169 corridor to develop. The interceptor was initially proposed in the early 2000s and included in the City's 2008 Comprehensive Plan Updates where it was identified to be the backbone of Jordan's future development. Without the interceptor, Jordan has fewer than five industrial lots remaining for development, the bulk of which are less than 5 acres in size. The Technical Assistance grant would have been used on promoting the community, update the City website and billboard.

The EDA Board spoke about still wanting to promote the community and would like to continue with an update to the website to be more mobile friendly.

Motion Dan Elke second Ray Sandey to approve EDA to pay \$3,000 for a new website. Motion approved. Vote all ayes.

C. Flood Report

Mike Waltman City Engineer gave an update on the current flood report status. Engineers were working on lowering the FEMA flood boundary and critiquing and revise the hydrologic calculations and modeling. Originals was 8900 cfs FEMA has now accepted 8100 cfs. The new report added a link between Sand Creek and large wetland complex provided in model and developed an unsteady state model to accurately account for flow into wetland. Overall it brings down most of the floodplain about 1.5 feet and would hopefully bring some residential housing out of the floodplain.

No Motion Needed.

D. Update on the Wolf Motors Expansion Project

Mr. Wolf spoke about the floodplain affecting the expansion project and how much it will increase costs. There is hope to have it all wrapped up by next month. Wolf Motors might apply for Tax Abatement in the following months.

The EDA Board agreed this is an example where it can make sense to use abatement. It will help retain a business within the City, retain jobs and help the expansion happen. Mr. Wolf would withhold his vote, excluding himself from the voting processes.

No Motion Needed.

E. Report from Jordan Area Chamber of Chamber Commerce

Planner Barbes gave an update the Chamber is putting on the Jordan Illuminate 5k run July 11th. Information via the Chamber website says The Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce has partnered with SoleMOTION Race Management to hold an ILLUMINIGHT 5K Fun Run. Proceeds of the event will be used by the Chamber to support their general operating fund. This is a nighttime event that is designed to be safe, fun and exciting. Participants are encouraged to be creative and wear glow in the dark clothing and carry glow sticks/bracelets.

F. General Business Updates

Board member spoke about some of the businesses by Triangle lane are not happy with the MNDOT construction on 169. They would like to see more signage with businesses names on it.

4. Next Meeting -Tuesday June 16 2015, 6:30 PM, Jordan City Hall

5. Adjournment

Motion Dan Elke second Mike Franklin to approve 5. Adjournment. Motion approved. Vote all ayes.

Mike Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Nikunen
City Administrator