

**JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**February 22, 2012**

Ray Sandey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Ray Sandey, Dan Elke, Joe Thill and Tanya Velishek. Absent: Ron Jabs and Dave Wolf. Also Present: Mark Seifert, Chamber of Commerce Liaison; and Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator.

**Approve Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting:** Upon motion by Elke seconded by Sandey, the minutes of the January 18, 2012 regular meeting were approved.

**Elect Chair and Vice-Chair:** Upon motion by Thill seconded by Sandey, Greg Sticha was appointed Chair of the EDA for 2012. Motion was approved unanimously.

For Vice-Chair, it was moved by Elke seconded by Sticha to appoint Ray Sandey as Vice-Chair. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Letter from So-Called “Jordan Business Development Association”:** Shukle explained this letter. The organization is fictitious but uses the city of Jordan’s mailing address. The content of the letter can only be characterized as sarcastic. No action was taken.

**Update on St. Francis/Allina Medical Clinic/Pharmacy/Scott County CDA Project/Public Library:** Shukle reported that the project is to be publicly bid with groundbreaking scheduled on or before May 1, 2012. It will take one year to complete the housing and library portion with the clinic/pharmacy ready to open by late fall.

**Report on Meeting with Paramount Real Estate Corporation:** Three EDA members and staff met recently with Paramount Real Estate Corporation, owners of the former Dipwich property in St. Lawrence Township. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss future development plans for the property. Action items from this meeting were identified and follow-up will be conducted by staff.

**Update on Proposed TH 282 Landscaping Plan:** Shukle reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission had begun discussing plantings along TH 282 from U.S. Hwy. 169 to the Sand Creek Bridge last fall. The Commission believes that the area could use trees and other plantings to make a better transition as one drives into the city. Discussions were held with property owners along this route and several versions of a landscaping plan have been reviewed. Additional meetings will be held with a recommendation forthcoming to the city council.

**Review Strategic Plan:** The original strategic plan was reviewed and suggested revisions were made. Upon motion by Elke seconded by Velishek, the strategic plan for 2012 was recommended to the city council for approval. It will be on the March 19, 2012 Work Session with the City Council for discussion and any changes will be brought back to the next EDA meeting on March 20, 2012.

**Feasibility of Downtown Master Plan:** It was suggested that the EDA review the economic development component of the city's comprehensive plan.

**SCALE – Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee – “Legos 401” Planning:** Shukle announced that SCALE representatives will be attending the April 16, 2012 City Council work session to lead a transportation and economic development exercise similar to a previous session. Members of the EDA and Planning Commission will be invited to attend.

**Oak Terrace Senior Living of Jordan:** Shukle announced that Oak Terrace Senior Living of Jordan will open March 12, 2012. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in early summer.

**Report from Mark Seifert, Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce:** Mark Seifert reported on recent Chamber of Commerce activities. He mentioned the Chamber's deliberations on hosting the Jordan Valley Bike Tour in 2012. He also mentioned some of the financial issues surrounding this event.

Seifert also discussed the Chamber's possible involvement in charitable gambling.

**Other items:** Shukle mentioned that he will be meeting with a design/build company to discuss a possible hotel development. He invited representatives of the EDA to join him in this meeting. Chair Sticha agreed to attend this meeting too.

Joe Thill mentioned the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon campaign in Scott County. He stated that he is trying to come up with possible locations for an office for the program in Jordan.

Thill also mentioned that the Planning Commission has been studying possible revisions to the city's sign ordinance.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the EDA is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Upon motion by Velishek seconded by Thill, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Shukle  
Executive Director/City Administrator