

JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

September 16, 2008

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

Roll Call: Present: Ray Sandey, Ron Jabs, Dave Wolf, Paul Carey and Daryl Karsky (arrived at 7:20 p.m.). Absent: Greg Sticha. Staff Present: Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator; Joe Janish, Senior Planner; and Sunny Bjorklund-Schultz, Mentoree.

Approve Minutes: It was moved by Jabs, seconded by Wolf, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2008 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Sunny Bjorklund-Schultz: Shukle introduced Sunny Bjorklund-Schultz who is being mentored by Shukle and city staff. Bjorklund-Schultz is a student in the Public Administration program at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Bjorklund-Schultz is spending time with each department head and the city administrator learning about local government with the hope of finding a full-time position in the city administration field. Bjorklund-Schultz is working on developing some promotional materials regarding Jordan and its economic development activities.

Medical Clinic Update: Shukle reported that Ridgeview Medical Center continues to pursue a medical clinic for Jordan. Their interest is in a site located on the east side of County Road 9 just north of the railroad tracks. They are intending to include a pharmacy inside of the clinic. Ridgeview has expressed some concerns about this location due to access off of County Road 9. They are committed to locating a clinic in Jordan but are also interested in looking at other available sites in the city.

U.S. Hwy. 169/TH 282 Interchange Project Corridor Coalition: Shukle reported that a coalition has been formed to obtain federal monies for roadway improvements to U.S. Hwy. 169. The coalition is working diligently to organize itself and engage the services of a law firm who specializes in federal lobbying. This lobbyist will begin developing a legislative strategy, in conjunction with the coalition, for purposes of lobbying the U.S. Congress as it begins its review of a 6 year appropriations plan for transportation across the nation. The City of Jordan has been directly involved in the launching of the coalition's efforts.

SCALE Transportation Task Force Presentation: Shukle reported that the SCALE Transportation Task Force was scheduled to meet with the City on Monday, September 15 but had to reschedule this meeting for Monday, November 17. The EDA is invited to attend this meeting.

Vivant Custom Woodcraft: Shukle reported that Vivant is planning to sell their building and move out of the city. Economic times have dictated some changes to the business. Vivant is a tax abatement project and owes approximately \$5,000 to the city for its abatement if they are going to default on the project. Staff is following up with Vivant on this matter.

Other Business: Shukle reported that staff is still working on an RFP for downtown in lieu of using the Minnesota Design Team (MDT). Staff will be bringing a draft RFP to a future meeting for review by the EDA.

Next Meeting: It was noted that the next meeting of the EDA will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 7 p.m., Jordan City Hall.

Adjournment: There being no further business, it was moved by Ullmann, seconded by Wolf, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle
Executive Director/City Administrator