

JORDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

November 18, 2008

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

Roll Call: Present: Ray Sandey, Ron Jabs, Paul Carey (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Greg Sticha and Dave Wolf. Absent: Daryl Karsky and Barry Ullmann. Staff Present: Ed Shukle, Executive Director/City Administrator; Joe Janish, Senior Planner; Casey MacCallum, Planner; and Sunny Bjorklund Schultz.

Approve Minutes: It was moved by Jabs, seconded by Sticha, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Medical Clinic Update: Shukle reported that Ridgeview Medical Center continues to pursue a medical clinic for Jordan. Their interest has been 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. There was strong support for keeping Ron Jabs as the city's representative to the coalition. It was moved by Carey, seconded by Sticha, to recommend that Ron Jabs remain Jordan's representative to the coalition. Motion passed with Jabs abstaining from the vote.

SCALE Transportation Task Force Presentation: Joe Janish reported that the SCALE Transportation Task Force met with the Planning Commission and others on November 17. They presented a draft report that will accompany the 2030 Scott County Comprehensive Plan.

1000 Friends of Minnesota: Shukle reported that we unofficially have received the grant funds for this program. He thanked Joe Janish for his work preparing the application and being successful in getting it approved. He also thanked members of the EDA, Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission for their attending the October 30 meeting with 1000 Friends representatives. Janish explained that a formal

agreement will need to be approved by the city and 1000 Friends before the project can begin.

Sign Ordinance – Definition of a Temporary Sign: MacCallum reviewed the Planning Commission's intentions on this particular aspect of the sign ordinance. Further discussion will be held during open houses with the Planning Commission and local businesses at a later date. Questions were raised regarding having directional signs along U.S. Hwy. 169, posted by MnDOT. Staff was directed to research if the city was eligible to have these types of signs along TH 282.

Promotional Brochure: Sunny Bjorklund Schultz has been working on a promotional brochure to be used for attracting new industrial and commercial businesses to the city. She circulated a preliminary draft of a brochure and received feedback from the EDA. She will bring back another version at the January 21, 2009 meeting.

Hotel Development – Possible Market Study: Shukle introduced the idea of having a market study performed to have information prepared for potential developers who are looking to develop a hotel in the city. He referenced information obtained from a market study consultant, Hospitality Marketers International, Inc., who would be able to perform the phase 1 community overview for approximately \$6,000. The EDA asked if they could have sample studies distributed so that they could examine what information would be provided within a study and to have that information available at the next meeting.

Other Business: Paul Carey announced that he and his family are moving out of the area and would no longer be available to serve on the EDA. He thanked the EDA and the city for the opportunity to serve and wished the city well as it moves forward.

Next Meeting: It was noted that the next meeting of the EDA will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 7 p.m., Jordan City Hall.

Adjournment: There being no further business, it was moved by Carey, seconded by Wolf, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Shukle
Executive Director/City Administrator