



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

City of New Prague

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7:30 AM

City Hall Council Chambers - 118 Central Ave N

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Brent Quast with the following members present: Brent Quast, Austin Reville, Nick Slavik and Eric Krogman. Bruce Wolf arrived at 7:32 a.m.

Absent: Troy Pint, Duane Jirik

Staff Present: City Administrator Joshua Tetzlaff and Planning/Community Director Ken Ondich

Others Present: Jo Foust - Scott County CDA Business Development Director, Tony Buthe - Director of Educational Services at ISD 721, Maren Bahler - Curriculum and Instruction Director at ISD 721, and Lindsay Schuette - Workforce Coordinator at ISD 721.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. August 14, 2024, EDA Meeting Minutes

b. Claims for Payment: **\$92.65**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Slavik, seconded by Reville.

Motion carried (4-0) (Wolf had not yet arrived)

3. FUTURE EDA ENDEAVORS

a. September 11, 2024

Tetzlaff noted to the EDA that after the Comprehensive Plan is adopted by the City Council in October that there will be deeper discussions about the EDA's future endeavors.

4. BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION (BR&E) PROGRAM

Jo Foust stated that she and Tetzlaff and Ondich had a meeting with CVF Racing to discuss their continued growth and possible future space needs and also noted that a business visit was scheduled with New Prague Counseling for the morning of September 12th.

5. BUSINESS UPDATES

a. September 2024

Ondich presented the monthly business update and specifically noted discussions regarding tax abatements for both a 54-unit apartment building and a 155-unit apartment building.

6. CDA UPDATE

Jo Foust stated that overall business starts in the County were up compared to last year. She noted that Lee Hall with NextStage for Entrepreneurs had assisted 41 clients in the first half of this year compared with 42 all of 2023. She stated that their "Career Lift" program had 52 people enrolled for the classes they were offering. She started that the Center for Entrepreneurship was fully leased. She noted that the Fast Track Challenge had seen applications from all around the county which was good to see. Lastly, she noted that

near Lydia, a rural industrial park was contemplated but had been tabled by the County for large lot industrial type uses that weren't typically allowed in city industrial areas

7. SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

Tony Buthe introduced Lindsay Schuette and Maren Bahler to talk about the Youth Skills Training Grant they received. Ms. Schuette noted that they had received the grant to target manufacturing, agriculture, automotive, healthcare and I.T. careers that might not follow a normal 4-year college path and that they were focused on healthcare. Ms. Bahler stated that they would be having their first Career and Tech Day on Oct. 11th for 8th and 10th grade students, geared towards non-traditional student pathways once out of high school. They are looking for more businesses and vocational and tech schools to attend the fair as well. Their typical career day would be held in November like in the past.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Nothing further noted.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Slavik, seconded by Quast, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Motion carried (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua M. Tetzlaff
City Administrator / EDA Executive Director