



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

City of New Prague

Wednesday, May 08, 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: Troy Pint, Bruce Wolf, Nick Slavik, Austin Reville, and Brent Quast.

Absent: Duane Jirik and Eric Krogman

City staff present: City Administrator Josh Tetzlaff and Planning/Community Development Director Ken Ondich

Others present: Jo Foust, Scott County CDA Business and Community Development Director; Tony Buthe, New Prague Schools Director of Educational Services; and Brian Thorstad, New Prague Schools High School Principal

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. April 10, 2024, EDA Meeting Minutes

b. Claims for Payment: **\$357.76**

Motion made by Pint, seconded by Reville, to approve. All voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Eric Krogman arrived at 7:31 a.m.

3. FUTURE EDA ENDEAVORS

a. May 8, 2024

Tetzlaff provided a comment that the future project list is on hold until the Comprehensive Plan process gets wrapped up in a few months.

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

President Quast stated that visits with 1319 Woodfire Tavern and Parkview Medical Clinic occurred over the last month and that visits are coming up this month with Scott Equipment, Dairy Queen, and Kubes Furniture and Flooring.

5. BUSINESS UPDATES

a. May 2024

Ondich provided the monthly update and also noted that the MHFA Workforce Housing Development Program grant was submitted last week for the possible 54-unit apartment building on the lot south of Walgreens.

6. CDA UPDATE

Jo Foust provided general updates on programs the CDA is offering and also noted that the Scott County Bus Tour will be occurring on May 29, 2024, with Ondich and the Mayor attending from New Prague.

7. SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

Tony Buthe and Brian Thorstad were present to provide information on the Youth Skills Training Grant the School District received, which would lead to the hiring of a part-time Workforce Coordinator for a two-year period to help students and local businesses make connections for workplace options in addition to post-secondary education options for students.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Tetzlaff noted that there is a lot of behind the scenes discussions occurring for possible development but nothing that has reached the level of submittals at this time.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

b. Nick Slavik - Term Expiring

Quast and Ondich provided an update of the Small Area Plan process and open house occurring on May 8, 2024, from 5-7pm at The Broz.

Wolf asked for an update of the housing bills brought up at a past EDA meeting. Tetzlaff and Ondich noted that the most overarching bill is not moving forward but one bill that would allow residential multifamily in any commercial district was still on the table. Wolf also asked other EDA members how they perceive the economy in general terms.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Slavik, seconded by Quast, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua M. Tetzlaff
City Administrator / EDA Executive Director