

**CITY OF HANOVER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
MAY 18, 2023**

Call to Order

Chair Bartels called the regular EDA meeting of May 18, 2023 to order at 8:03 a.m. Present were members Todd Bartels, Tony Ross, Brian Dismang, Jessica Johnson, Ted Zrust and MaryAnn Hallstein. Absent was Tom Dierberger. Also present was City Administrator Jennifer Nash.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Zrust to **approve the agenda as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Dismang and seconded by Hallstein to **approve minutes of April 20, 2023 as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Accounts Payable and Financial Reports

Johnson noted there are two current loans for Astro Metalcraft and River Inn, and they are both up to date with payments.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dismang to **approve the Accounts Payable and Financial Reports as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried..

Citizen's Forum

None

Unfinished Business

- Minnesota Design Team Application

EDA reviewed the application for Minnesota Design Team that was submitted earlier in the week. The proposal is for a Community Visit this fall so that the timing will work to include conversation of design elements for the upcoming Hwy 19 reconstruction that Hanover is able to give input on. Members thanked staff for the quick turnaround on getting application submitted, and staff advised a venue for the larger community gathering discussions is being looked into as City Hall is booked with rentals.

EDA Board and Staff Reports

- Ross – asked that discussions include regulations that may be unnecessarily getting in the way of business expansions and new business growth.
- Bartels – suggested EDA should continue to look for ways to help property owners wanting to develop businesses on their properties.
- Nash – inquired if EDA would like to beginning planning for a business social in addition to the Design Team process this fall, or if an event should be included potentially in this process. Members suggested waiting to see if the application is successful, then incorporating a business event into Design Team process if they are coming this fall.
- Hallstein – noted Council is discussing addition of a staff member for the City due to the growth in requests for services. Another staff member at city hall would also provide for better ability for staff to support EDA and its goals for the community.

Adjournment

MOTION by Johnson to adjourn at 9:12 a.m., seconded by Hallstein. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jennifer Nash, City Administrator