

CITY OF HANOVER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES
October 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Todd Bartels called the Economic Development Authority meeting of September 13, 2012 to order at 8:05 am at Hanover City Hall. Commissioners present were: Todd Bartels, Jim Hennessey, Joe Kaul, Randy Whitcomb, Keith Ulstad and John Vajda. Absent was Chris Kauffman. Also present were Interim City Administrator Bob Derus and EDA Consultant Heidi Peper. No guests were present.

SET AGENDA

MOTION by Whitcomb, second by Hennessey, to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2012 EDA meeting, as submitted, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION by Hennessey, second by Kaul, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2012, as presented, motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION by Kaul, second by Whitcomb, to approve the accounts payable and the 9-12-12 Financial Report, as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Business

Senior Housing Open House

The EDA briefly discussed the Open House scheduled for October 16, 2012. The main purpose of the Open House is to have the Bridges At Hanover neighborhood residents come in and discuss the proposed senior assisted living project. They were frustrated because the last time the City was looking at senior housing in their neighborhood they found out about it by reading an article in the local newspaper. The EDA briefly discussed the plans and the benefits to the City of having the senior housing; including jobs, having the service available to seniors, and tax base. The EDA stressed it was important to inform residents about this housing project.

Candidate Forum

The EDA briefly discussed the upcoming candidate forum that the EDA is hosting and the Chamber is facilitating.

Utility Undergrounding

The EDA again discussed the possibility of undergrounding utilities in and near downtown, including the following:

- It would be helpful to have an estimate to do the project.
- We began discussing this when the Council was talking about getting banners.
- Now that the new logo is done, maybe it's a good time to revisit having banners.
- Annual EDA breakfast was also discussed as a way to discuss it with local businesses. Also, discussed were speakers that would be good to have at the breakfast; including Initiative Foundation and Greater MSP.

No action was taken.

Board Member Reports

The following Board Member reports were given:

- Joe Kaul said the EDA website is up to date. He noted that we are still waiting for the DVD for the Green House project; he will get it on the web as soon as he gets it. Staff said the

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Developer has promised to get it to us soon. He spoke to the Comfort Matters owner and they are happy with their new location. Also, spoke to Rhino Auto and he claims that he would need \$180,000 - \$190,000 in a loan to make it work. Kaul suggested a driving range on the 10 acre City-owned property. The EDA briefly discussed and also the possibility of using it for the long term solution to the public works facility and yard. He also noted that the vacant lot north of the fire hall is for sale.

- Todd Bartels updated the EDA on the building next to Pearson's. He said Jim Stewart purchased the property for \$700,000 and will take \$500,000.
- Heidi provided an update on Plug Technologies. They want to purchase a site, and they are also looking outside of Hanover. Mayor Waters has helped to try to persuade them to come to Hanover. Plug Technologies needs a site to start manufacturing in November/December. They would like to be in Hanover; they like the EDA and how helpful the City has been to them.
- The EDA briefly discussed Matt Treptau, Fathead Motorcycles; he has had trouble getting financing, so will have to lease a site.
- Keith Ulstad asked about the McCombs study. Heidi confirmed it's been distributed to area businesses. The EDA also briefly discussed Bryan Reitzner's development.

Adjournment

MOTION by Hennessey, second by Vajda, to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. motion carried unanimously.

Bob Derus, Secretary