

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 21, 2008
City Hall Council Chambers

Attendees: Chairman Dick Linville, Alderman Glen Kuhlemier, Jeff Bright, Doug Wiersema, Sandy Henrekin (RFCDC), Richard Downey, Mayor Blanton, Mark Searing and Sylvia Frey
Absent: Karen Reynolds, Alderman Daehle Reitzel.

Roll Call was taken – Quorum was met. Official business could be conducted.

First Order of Business – Approval of prior months minutes (04/17/08): Chairman Linville stated last month's minutes need to be amended. The wording '\$10,000 per lot' should be changed to '\$10,000 per acre' at this time. He asked the members for approval of these minutes with the amended wording. A motion was made by Glen Kuhlemier, seconded by Doug Wiersema to approve these minutes with amended wording. Motion carried – 5 (yes)

Next Order of Business – Update and request for funding from the I88 West partnership initiative: Chairman Linville asked Sandy Henrekin (RFCDC) to present this item for discussion. Sandy introduced Betty Steinert, Whiteside County E-Zone who co-sponsors this organization which encompasses Dixon, Rock Falls, Sterling, Lee and Whiteside Counties. This organization consists of: Lee County E-Zone And Economic Dev., RFCDC, Greater Sterling Development and Whiteside County Enterprise Zone and Economic Dev. Their goal is to continue their marketing efforts that I-88 West established back in 2006 and to continue to promote I-88 West to advance our local economies, businesses and communities. Betty stated this marketing is done through trade shows (industrial/commercial), directory listings and public relations (news media). Sponsorship/funding levels consist of: regional stakeholders, community stakeholders and I-88 West stakeholders. Betty stated she is making this presentation to the members of the IDC to request future funding. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that this type of request should not be restricted to only the IDC but include the entire council since this would benefit the entire community and not just the industrial park area. He suggested the members make a recommendation to the City Council to consider this request for the 2009 – 2010 annual city budget with a suggestion of \$5,000 each year for 2 years. Members agreed. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier to make a formal recommendation to the City Council to include this request in the city's annual budget for 2009-2010 at the next council meeting on September 2, 2008. Roll Call on Motion: Chairman Linville (yes); Jeff Bright (yes); Doug Wiersema (yes); Sandy Henrekin (yes); Alderman Kuhlemier (yes) and Mayor Blanton (yes). Alderman Reitzel and Karen Reynolds were absent from this meeting. Motion carried – 6 (yes)

Next Order of Business – Lots 14 & 15 Subdivision No. 7 – Bid to remove concrete/grading work - Mark presented the members with the only bid received to remove concrete and grading work on lots 14 & 15 (approx 7-8 acres) from Burger Brothers. Members discussed this bid and were confused as to the scope of work involved with this project and the costs involved. Members agreed to table this issue until next month's meeting for further clarification. Alderman Kuhlemier made a motion, seconded by Jeff Bright, to have Mark solicit additional bids and upon consideration to hold a special meeting to review these bids before next month's regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Next Order of Business – Weeds/Grass maintenance – tree trimming – Chairman Linville asked about the status of an agreement previously discussed between the city and industrial park owners in sharing the cost of tree trimming. Mayor Blanton requested Mark Searing to contact the city attorney and bring this information back to next month's meeting. Chairman Linville mentioned there is overgrowth of weeds in the curb/gutter areas in the industrial park which need to be removed to avoid any future breakage of concrete work. It was stated that the Street Dept will be contacted to spray these weeds as soon as possible.

Next Order of Business – Parking Regulations on city property(right-of-way) – Chairman Linville expressed his concern regarding owners parking their vehicles in the city's right-of-way area along industrial park road. Specifically mentioned Porter Brothers property. There are no city ordinances governing this type of parking and Mayor Blanton suggested taking this issue to the Ordinance Committee for further investigation and review. Members agreed.

A motion was made by Sandy Henrekin, seconded by Jeff Bright, to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Linville, Jr., Chairman