

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 17, 2009
City Hall Council Chambers

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

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

Due to the absence of Chairman Linville, Mayor Blanton asked the members to appoint Jeff Bright as Acting Chairman. Members agreed.

First Order of Business – Approval of prior months minutes (08/20/09): Acting Chairman Jeff Bright asked the members for their approval of minutes for 08/20/09. A motion was made by Daehle Reitzel, seconded by Jeff Bright, to approve these minutes. Motion carried – 6 (yes)

Next Order of Business – Discussion – Pending Real Estate Sale: Richard presented each member with a copy of a draft of the cash sale contract between City and Jerry Sharp for their review. City Attorney found a discrepancy in the lot size dimensions on the submitted survey and clarification was made accordingly. Members discussed the fencing issue which was a requirement for sale approval and members reaffirmed fencing requirement to be included in real estate contract. Richard stated this requirement has been included as presented. A motion was made by Alderman Glen Kuhlemier, seconded by Alderman Daehle Reitzel, to approve sale of property pending final completion of real estate contract. Roll Call on Motion: Karen Reynolds (yes); Jeff Bright (yes); Doug Wiersema (yes); Sandy Henrekin (yes); Alderman Daehle Reitzel (yes); Alderman Glen Kuhlemier (yes) and Mayor Blanton (yes). Motion carried – 7 (yes).

Mark Searing mentioned there will be two pending litigations on 'prairie grass' issue in the very near future. Mark wanted to inform the members that once these issues are heard in our courts, no one will not be able to discuss the litigation in committee meetings and such.

Sandy Henrekin wanted the members to be informed that she is working on preparing a 'rendering' in which to market the Reliant property to potential developers. She's asking for financial support from the IDC to help curtail costs involved. Members reviewed current budget status and Acting Chairman Jeff Bright suggested that Sandy research the actual cost of this type of presentation before members would commit any funds. Sandy will do so.

Discussion was held on setting up two large free standing advertising signs for the industrial park (one to be located at East Route 30 and one at East 11th Street). Members wanted the following information on the signs: Industrial Property Available, Enterprise Zone Benefits Available; call (815)626-8053. Size of sign and color would be determined. Members ask Mark Searing to contact Turnroth Sign Co and Sauk Valley Signs for cost estimates.

A motion was made by Sandy Henrekin, seconded by Doug Wiersema, to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm. Next meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 4:00pm at city hall complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Bright, Acting Chairman