

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

City Hall Council Chambers

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

Absent: Alderman Daehle Reitzel

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

First Order of Business – Approval of prior months minutes (11/19/09): In the absence of Chairman Dick Linville, Jeff Bright asked the members for their approval of minutes for 11/19/09. A motion was made by Sandy Henrekin, seconded by Doug Wiersema, to approve these minutes. Motion carried – 4 (yes)- Chairman Linville and Karen Reynolds were not present at time of motion. They arrived at 4:10pm for the rest of the meeting.

Next Order of Business – Discussion – Sale of 703 4th Avenue: Chairman Dick Linville presented Bob Steinhagen, owner of S&S Auto, in attendance for his interest in purchasing the property of 703 4th Avenue. Discussion was held with Mr. Steinhagen as to his intentions and offering price for this property. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, seconded by Sandy Henrekin asking Mark Searing to investigate the actual costs spent by the city for the demolition, attorney fees, NiCor bill and bug extermination on this property before any offers are reviewed or accepted. Motion carried – 6 (yes) Mark will prepare this information for next month's meeting.

Next Order of Business – Discussion – NW IL Construction – East 17th Entrance Appeal: Mayor Blanton informed the members that the City Attorney doesn't have any notification for the change of plans for the entrance insertion on E. 17th Street which was cut by NW IL Construction. It was also stated that since last month's meeting, the city has not received copies of any change-order plans for the entrance as requested from NW IL Construction. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, seconded by Jeff Bright, whereas; in absence of any plans and communications from the National Guard with the City Attorney and if we do not get a response by the next month's meeting; the city should issue a Letter of Denial for an Appeal on this issue. Motion carried – 6 (yes) Mayor Blanton mentioned due to the lack of any agreement being signed between the City and National Guard for this road project, future approval and acceptance by the city could be delayed based on this discrepancy.

Next Order of Business – Discussion – Farm Lease for 2010 – Dave Megli: Members discussed Dave Megli's request for renewal of 45 acres farm lease for the 2010 – 2011 season. The possibility of bidding this property out to area farmers was discussed. Expiration date of current lease is February 28, 2010 and the bidding process could be completed and bids opened on February 18, 2010 – next month's scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Doug Wiersema, seconded by Sandy Henrekin, to begin the bidding process for publication and bid opening on February 18, 2010, next month's meetings. Members agreed to inform Mr. Megli of their decision in a written letter and to offer him the opportunity to participate in this process. Roll Call on motion: Chairman Linville (yes), Karen Reynolds (yes), Jeff Bright (yes), Doug Wiersema (yes), Sandy Henrekin (yes), Alderman Kuhlemier (no) and Mayor Blanton (no). Motion carried (5) yes – (2) no.

Next Order of Business – Discussion – Electronic Sign – Entrance Sign: Chairman Linville mentioned to the members that he spoke with rep from Turnroth Sign Co regarding an LED Display Sign for the entrance to the industrial park from Route 30. Discussion was held on the cost of this type of sign, maintenance and programming issues were mentioned. Other options were discussed with no formal decision being made at this time.

A motion was made by Jeff Bright, seconded by Doug Wiersema, to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. Next meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 4:00pm at city hall complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Linville, Jr., Chairman