

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 19, 2012
City Hall Conference Area

Attendees: Chairman Dick Linville, Karen Reynolds, Jeff Bright, Doug Wiersema, Aldermen Daehle Reitzel and Glen Kuhlemier, Mayor Blanton, Mark Searing – Building Inspector, Robbin Blackert – City Administrator and Sylvia Frey

Absent: Sandy Henrekin - RFCDC

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

First Order of Business – Approval previous months minutes (12/15/11): Chairman Linville asked members for their approval of previous month's minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier, to approve these minutes. Motion carried – 6 (yes)

Second Item of Business – Discussion – Clearwater Drive: Mayor Blanton gave information on the possibility of the city applying for various grants under the EDA (Economic Development Assoc) which could be utilized for development at the newly designated industrial park on Clearwater Drive. These grants would be applicable for regional planning, transportation and economic development for which the city, as a planning agency, would have more awarded funds available. More information will be forthcoming.

Discussion was held regarding the newly designated industrial park for future development. It was mentioned a small portion of the west side embanking the river could be considered in a floodplain; whereas, Mark Searing explained FEMA could be contacted for clarification once potential developer was found and construction plans were completed. Mayor explained the city council will be transferring jurisdiction and control of this real estate to the Industrial Development Commission in the very near future.

Next Item of Business – Discussion – Leasing Property: Mayor presented the members with another option on property located on W. 1st Street with the business owner. He asked the members to consider a swap lease agreement; whereas, city will lease the west side (city owned property-1.15acres) for the east side of property (Owner-Mazel-.45acres). Members expressed their concern for the control of this city owned property; whereas, it was explained that in leasing this property, the city will maintain control for future dispositions. The lease would be for the purchase price of \$1.00 consideration and would be considered on-going until such time as the owner moves/sells this property only. Once this property is sold or business moves, the lease will be null and void.

Discussion was held regarding EPA contamination issues, remediation issues, fencing/barriers within 200' feet of residential district and riverfront ethicality. Doug Wiersema made the statement that municipalities must take the lead in improving their cities in respect to fencing/barriers.

A motion was made by Jeff Bright, seconded by Doug Wiersema, to make the recommendation to approve the swap land lease agreement with Mazel. Motion carried – 6 (yes). Vote Tally: Chairman Linville (yes), Karen Reynolds (yes), Jeff Bright (yes), Doug Wiersema (yes), Alderman Reitzel (yes), Alderman Kuhlemier (yes) and Mayor Blanton (yes). Jeff Bright asked the Mayor to bring back the lease for IDC members to review and the members agreed. Mayor Blanton will bring back the lease in the near future.

With no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, seconded by Jeff Bright, to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm. Next regular meeting is Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Dick Linville