

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 30, 2013
City Council Chambers**

Attendees: Mayor Bill Wescott, Karen Reynolds, Bethany Bland – RF Chamber, Jeff Moore, Alderman Brian Snow, Sandy Henrekin – RFCDC, Alderman Glen Kuhlemier, Mark Searing, Robbin Blackert – City Administrator, and Sylvia Frey
Absent: Jeff Bright

Roll Call was taken – Quorum was met – Official business can be conducted. Meeting started at 4:00pm.

Mayor Wescott conducted the meeting in lieu of the absence of Acting Chairman Jeff Bright. Mayor stated next month's meeting the members will be asked to select a chairman and acting chairman for the IDC.

First Order of Business – Approval Previous Month's minutes (7/18/13): Mayor Wescott asked members for their approval of previous month's minutes. A motion was made by Sandy Henrekin, seconded by Alderman Glen Kuhlemier to approve these minutes. Motion carried – 6 (yes).

Next Order of Business – Farm Lease (2014 Renewal) – Discussion – Farm Land: Mayor Wescott asked Robbin Blackert to speak on this issue. Robbin stated the Witmers have presented their 2-year renewal proposal for farm land with the same \$250.00 per acre as of September 2013. She informed the members that she has received an inquiry from an interested party asking to buy the 45 acres at this time. Mayor has also been approached by an interested party in the past few weeks asking to buy this property. Robbin mentioned that IDC has control of this property and bidding would not be required if this property is sold. She asked the members if they would consider selling this land in the near future at a reasonable fair market value. Sandy Henrekin stated due to the isolation and limited accessibility to these 45 acres, she has not included this property in any of her project submittals for some time now. Robbin stated the income from the farmland has been applied towards demolition payment on the Martini Building. Members agreed this property does appear to have become somewhat of a 'burden' to the city and is not 'shovel ready' as other industrial park properties within the city limits. A motion was made by Alderman Glen Kuhlemier, seconded by Sandy Henrekin, recommending the renewal of a one-year farm lease with the Witmers for \$250.00 per acre with further research being made on fair market value estimates for the 45 acres of farmland. Vote Tally: Karen Reynolds (yes), Bethany Bland (yes), Jeff Moore (yes), Sandy Henrekin (yes), Alderman Brian Snow (yes), Alderman Glen Kuhlemier (yes). Motion carried – 6 (yes).

Further discussion was held pertaining to possible individuals who could provide the city with an estimate of fair market value for this farmland. A suggestion was made to contact John Rosengren, Jim Anderson and Chris King for this information. A motion was made by Alderman Glen Kuhlemier, seconded by Bethany Bland, for Robbin to contact these individuals for their estimates. Robbin will prepare this information for next month's meeting.

Mark Searing asked the members to consider discussion on the new city ordinance for haying for city owned properties in the industrial parks. Members agreed and this item will be placed on next month's agenda.

Due to the next month's upcoming Hometown Holidays event, the members have agreed to change the regular meeting from Thursday November 21st to Wednesday November 20th at 4:00pm in city council chambers.

With no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Brian Snow, seconded by Karen Reynolds, to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor William B. Wescott