

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2014
City Council Chambers**

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

Roll Call was taken – Quorum was met – Official business can be conducted. Meeting started at 4:00pm. In the absence of Chairman, Acting Chairman Alderman Glen Kuhlemier conducted this meeting.

First Order of Business – Approval Previous Month’s minutes (11/20/13): Acting Chairman Kuhlemier asked members for their approval of previous month’s minutes. A motion was made by Jeff Moore, seconded by Karen Reynolds to approve these minutes. Motion carried – 4 (yes).

Next Order of Business – Bidding – Industrial Park Haying Properties: Mark Searing spoke to the members regarding his request to start the bidding process for haying on industrial park city owned properties. Recently, the city adopted an ordinance allowing for haying in the industrial park; whereas, the cost of city crews mowing these properties has become a financial burden. With this bidding process contractors would be required to sign an agreement with the city which would include various stipulations so that the surface of these properties would remain environmentally sound. A motion was made by Jeff Moore, seconded by Karen Reynolds to approve Mark Searing to proceed with setting up the bidding process for haying city owned industrial park properties to include proposed stipulations for ground protection. Motion carried – 4 (yes).

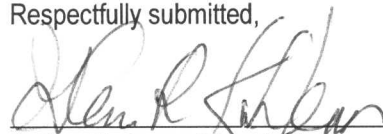
Next Order of Business – Discussion – Entrance Sign – Industrial Park: Discussion was held regarding various options for directional signage at the entrance of Industrial Park Road and East Route 30. Suggestions were made for a large free standing sign which would include removable placards for the various businesses along with these businesses paying for these placards to help offset the cost of the initial sign. It was mentioned owner of new proposed campground off East 17th Street will be interested in posting directional signage to be located in this same area. A motion was made by Bethany Bland, seconded by Karen Reynolds to direct Mark Searing to proceed with obtaining directional signage proposals and costs information for next month’s meeting.

Next Order of Business – Discussion – Hauling of canal dredge materials to leased farmland: Mark Searing informed the members that Willett Hoffman & Associates has submitted IEPA permits for dredging materials from the canal to the city’s 45 acres of farmland. Mark stated only 3” of the farmland will be disturbed as required by EPA so there should not be any unforeseen contamination on this property. He stated this is the first step towards cleaning the canal and the IEPA will provide the city with information on how to handle this process in the near future. More information will be forthcoming.

Mayor Wescott mentioned he had received the resignation of Sandy Henrekin as Director of RFCDC effective March 14, 2014; whereas, this vacancy will be filled in the near future.

With no further business, Acting Chairman Kuhlemier waived adjournment motions and meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm. Next regular meeting is Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Acting Chairman Glen Kuhlemier