

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 21, 2014
City Council Chambers**

Attendees: Mayor Bill Wescott, Jeff Moore, Bethany Bland – RF Chamber, Aldermen Glen Kuhlemier and Brian Snow, Randy Balk – RFCDC, Robbin Blackert – City Administrator, Mark Searing – Building Inspector and Sylvia Frey

Absent: Jeff Bright, Karen Reynolds

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 (02/20/14): Acting Chairman Kuhlemier asked members for their approval of previous month’s minutes. Members approved minutes as presented.

Next Order of Business – Water/Sewer Easement – McNeil Road Farmland: Mark Searing has been approached by Ted Padilla regarding the possibility of establishing a water/sewer easement running along McNeil Road along the 45 acres of farmland for future preparation of real estate developments within this property. Members asked for more detailed information, a map showing the proposed designated easement and asking Ted Padilla/Ed Cox to attend next month’s meeting. Mark will make contact for next month’s meeting.

Next Order of Business – Review – RFCDC – Reimbursement of Database Maintenance: Members were given a copy of letter dated April 20, 2007 asking for annual fee of \$1,005.00 for database services which RFCDC provides for the IDC. Robbin stated the city had been paying this fee for a few years and a question was raised to the validity of this annual fee. Randy Balk stated that he has no objections to removing this fee from the city’s ledgers. Members agreed to remove this annual fee with a motion made by Randy Balk, seconded by Alderman Brian Snow to remove the database maintenance annual fee from the city’s accounts payable ledger. Roll Call Vote: Bethany Bland (yes), Jeff Moore (yes), Randy Balk (yes), Alderman Snow (yes), Alderman Kuhlemier (yes), Mayor Wescott (yes). Motion carried.

Mayor Wescott spoke to the members regarding RFCDC’s ‘option to purchase’ agreement with the city for the riverfront property. He asked the members if they would consider extending this agreement beyond the boundaries of the riverfront. At this time, the RFCDC has to bring any potential investment ventures to the IDC for member approval with final approval given by city council. RFCDC would like the ability to make property decisions without IDC approval first. Final approval would still be made by the city council.

Randy Balk made a suggestion to display ‘For Sale’ signs on the vacant land lots which the city owns for marketability. Members agreed that these types of signs would enhance the possibility of potential buyers on these various lots. Members asked Mark Searing to provide information on these signs for next month’s meeting.

Robbin Blackert mentioned that the city will be working with a local person in changing the city’s website in the very near future.

Randy Balk mentioned there is a new business entity at New High Street which has been working with Mark Searing and the Electric Department in the past few weeks.

Next month’s meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 4:00pm. Acting Chairman Kuhlemier asked the members if they would consider changing the meeting date to September 25th as he will be recovering from medical issues and Mayor Wescott and Robbin Blackert will be out of town on September 18th. Members agreed to change meeting date to September 25th at 4:00pm as requested.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Chairman Glen Kuhlemier