

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

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

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

**First Order of Business – Approval Previous Months minutes (08/21/14, 9/15/14, 9/25/14, 10/16/14):** Chairman Jeff Bright asked members for their approval of previous months minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier, seconded by Randy Balk to approve these minutes. Motion carried – 4 (yes).

**Next Order of Business – New IDC member – Michael Clark:** Mayor Wescott introduced new member, Michael Clark. Michael stated he works at Sauk Valley Bank and is very happy to be participating in this group.

**Next Order of Business – Maps – Info – Water/Sewer Easement – McNeil Road Farmland:** Robbin stated both Ted Padilla (Water Dept) and Ed Cox (Sewer Dept) are asking members for their approval on an easement to be located in the 45 acres of city owned farmland – running along the north side of the property. As future developments are made on this property, this easement would be beneficial in finalizing any prospects. A motion was made by Alderman Glen Kuhlemier, seconded by Chairman Jeff Bright, to accept and approve this easement as presented for the record. Motion carried – 4 (yes). Robbin will contact City Attorney to prepare this document.

**Next Order of Business – Farm Lease (45 acres) – Expires February 28, 2015 – 2015 Proposal (Witmer):** Each member was given a copy of Dan/Tom Witmer's 2015 proposal for their review. It was noted this farmland does not have a consistent yearly yield and corn prices fluctuate each year. Discussion was held with the members deciding to proceed with the bidding process for 2015 at this time. The Witmers will be contacted regarding this decision and encouraged to participate in the bidding as they did back in 2010. A motion was made Alderman Glen Kuhlemier, seconded by Chairman Jeff Bright, to put farmland out for bids (1 year) to be returned to the city clerk's office and get this done by the end of this year as lease expires in February 2015. Motion carried – 4 (yes).

**Review – Signage – City Lots For Sale:** In the absence of Mark Searing, this item will be placed on next month's agenda for his presentation.

**Proposed Option To Purchase – RFCDC:** Discussion was held regarding RFCDC's desire to extend their option to purchase agreement with the city dated April 7, 2012 as they wish to include city lots in the farmland property just east of the city. Discussion was held with concerns being voiced as IDC members felt the RFCDC could overlook the IDC in any future development negotiations with this agreement. Members asked Randy to bring back another proposal for their review at next month's meeting.

Next month's meeting is Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 4:00pm. A motion was made by Chairman Jeff Bright, seconded by alderman Glen Kuhlemier to adjourned this meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Jeff Bright