



City of New Prague Economic Development Authority

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7:30 a.m.

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Brent Quast up in the First Floor Conference Room at the City Hall with the following members present: Brent Quast, Chuck Nickolay, Eric Krogman, Troy Pint, Nick Slavik, Pete Sletten, and Bruce Wolf.
Absent: None
City Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Johnson
Others Present: Jo Foust, First Stop Shop
2. Minutes/Financials:
 - A. It was moved by Nickolay, seconded by Sletten to approve the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried. (7-0)
 - B. Claims for January 2019 – There were two claims for a total of \$7.48 for January 2020. It was moved by Quast, seconded by Slavik to approve the two claims for \$7.48. All voted in favor, motion carried. (7-0).
 - C. The Financial Report for January 2020 including the Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed and accepted.
3. City Administrator Johnson stated that there were no reports for the Small Cities Projects (SCDP) for January:
 - A. 2016 – Commercial Rehab in Downtown
 - B. 2017 – Commercial Rehab, Single Family Rehab & Residential Rental Rehab
4. Discussion on Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Contacts – Eric Krogman reported on the visit to Marquardt Jewelers on January 3, 2020.
5. Chamber/EDA Marketing Committee for 2020 Project Update – Bruce Wolf and Brent Quast both reported on the progress meetings being held with the Joint Chamber / EDA Marketing Committee. The Committee is looking at various marketing/promotion ideas and the use of social media, newspaper, radio, website, etc. advertising for “Navigate New Prague”.
6. Discussion on 2020 Projects, Priorities and Issues – President Quast opened up the floor for discussion on 2020 Projects, Priorities and Issues:
 - Need to set up a visit to Miller Milling in Bloomington
 - Look into Staffing in 2021
 - Report on Buildings and Space Vacancies and Lot Inventory
 - Project auto “boneyard” on 80 acres of Maxa property
 - Current price of Industrial Park land - \$1.50 / sq. ft.
 - MnDOT 2020 Highway Project
 - Check into Scott Equipment future building needs
7. The January 2020 EDA Business Updates from Director Ondich were reviewed. Jo Foust offered to run a consolidated BR & E report for all of the businesses that have been met with since October 2017 to January 2020.
8. Executive Director’s Report – City Administrator Johnson – Nothing additional
9. Miscellaneous - Nothing
10. Adjournment - There being no additional business, it was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at approximately 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael J. Johnson

City Administrator/EDA Executive Director