

City Council Proceedings

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State of Minnesota  
Counties of Scott & Le Sueur  
City of New Prague

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Special City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, July 29, 2020

*Conducted via GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which is preventing attendance at the regular meeting location.*

Mayor Nickolay called the online meeting to order at approximately 7:30 a.m. with the following members present: Nickolay, Seiler, and Wolf.

Absent: Bass and Ryan

Staff Present Online: Mike Johnson and Ken Ondich

Others Present Online: Lee Hall - NextStage, Jo Faust - First Stop Shop and Brooke Sticha - Chamber of Commerce.

EDA Board: Brent Quast, Eric Krogman, Nick Slavik, Troy Pint, Pete Sletten, Chuck Nickolay, and Bruce Wolf

Mayor Nickolay opened the meeting and welcomed the EDA board members to essentially a Joint meeting between the City Council and the EDA to discuss the creation of a New Prague Small Business Recovery Fund Program.

The Council participated in the joint discussion with the EDA on this matter. The topics included:

1. The introduction of Lee Hall and NextStage
2. Discussed creation of the proposed guidelines for the Small Business Recovery Fund
3. Received and discussed the program application
4. Reviewed and discussed the eligibility submittals for final program selection
5. Reviewed and considered a contract between EDA and NextStage to assist the EDA in creating and administering the City's program
6. Consider potential range of dates for advertising the program

The discussion between the City Council and EDA looked at providing \$200,000 for the program and \$14,000 for a contract with NextStage to create and administer the Small Business Recovery Fund Program. The consensus was to try and make available up to a \$7,500 grant for selected businesses. This would allow the program to fund about 26-27 local businesses with grant funds.

After discussion with the EDA, the Councilmembers/Mayor were OK with allowing the EDA Board to handle the creation of the Small Business Recovery Fund Programs and to have them enter into a contract with NextStage.

Motion by Nickolay, seconded by Wolf to authorize the EDA to enter into a contract with NextStage and officially develop the City of New Prague Small Business Recovery Fund using \$214,000 of the City's CARES Act Fund allocation. All voted in favor. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Nickolay, seconded by Wolf to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:32 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried (3-0).

ATTEST:

  
Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator

  
Charles L. Nickolay  
Mayor