



City of New Prague Economic Development Authority

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 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 with the following members present: Brent Quast, Chuck Nickolay, Eric Krogman, Nick Slavik, Pete Sletten, and Bruce Wolf.
Absent: Troy Pint
City Staff Present: City Administrator Mike Johnson
2. Minutes/Financials:
 - A. It was moved by Nickolay, seconded by Slavik to approve the September 11, 2019 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried. (6-0)
 - B. Claims for October 2019 – There was 1 bill totaling \$180.00 for October 2019. It was moved by Nickolay, seconded by Slavik to approve the October 2019 claim totaling \$180.00. All voted in favor. Motion carried. (6-0)
 - C. The Financial Report for October 2019 including the Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed and accepted.
3. City Administrator Johnson indicated that there were no reports for the Small Cities Projects (SCDP):
 - 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 – President Quast indicated that there had been visits to both Dairy Queen and Witt Construction.
5. Tim Penny, President and CEO of the South Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) was present and provided an informational overview/update on the ongoing programs within SMIF. No action taken by the EDA.
6. Representatives from the New Prague Area Community Center Association (NPACCA) appeared before the Board and presented a report on the “Evaluation of Existing Facility”. Those in attendance included Eric Brever and David Zack (Board Members) and Kevin Cassidy (Manager). In summary, there appears to be a need for a second (2nd) sheet of ice having an estimated cost of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 and the need to renovate the existing facility at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. A copy of the report is available at the City Hall with the EDA materials if needed by someone. No action was taken by the EDA.
7. President Quast indicated that he had been in touch with Chamber Executive Brooke Sticha on the joint Marketing/Social Media/Promotions committee between the EDA and Chamber. She would be sending out notices to get this meeting going in the near term. Both Brent Quast and Bruce Wolf have offered to serve on this joint committee.
8. City Administrator Johnson provided the Board with a draft 2020 Budget. The most notable change was the inclusion of \$25,000 for the marketing/social media program between the EDA/Chamber in 2020 for the Downtown Highway 2020 Reconstruction Project. The proposed annual property tax levy would stay at \$50,000 for 2020. After discussion, motion made by Quast, seconded by Krogman to approve the proposed 2020 EDA Budget. All voted in favor, motion carried. (6-0)

9. The Business Updates for October 2019 from Planning/Community Development Director Ken Ondich were reviewed and discussed.
10. Executive Director's Report - Nothing
11. Miscellaneous - Nothing
12. Adjournment - There being no additional business, it was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at approximately 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator/EDA Executive Director