



City of New Prague Economic Development Authority

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 7:30 a.m.

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Brent Quast with the following members present: Chuck Nickolay, Troy Pint, Brent Quast, Nick Slavik, Pete Sletten and Bruce Wolf

Absent: 1 Vacancy

City Staff Present: City Administrator Johnson and Ken Ondich

Others Present: Jo Faust, First Stop Shop – Scott County

2. Minutes/Financials:
 - A. It was moved by Slavik, seconded by Nickolay to approve the February 13, 2019 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried. (6-0)
 - B. There was 1 claim for \$1,323.00 in March 2019. Motion by Pint, seconded by Slavik to approve the March bill. Motion carried. (6-0)
 - C. The Financial Report for March 2019 including the Income Statements and Balance Sheets were reviewed and accepted.
3. City Administrator Johnson gave a brief update on the 2016 and 2017 SCDP Reports. The reports now reflect updated activity and actions for the commercial rehab, single family owner occupied rehab and the rental rehab.
4. President Quast informed the Board that BR&E visits are being scheduled with Ettlin's Café on March 14, 2019 and with Goldsmith Eye Care for the following week.
5. President Quast raised the question as to what date(s) worked for members in rescheduling the Joint EDA Board/Chamber of Commerce meeting with the St. Peter speakers? Recommended dates of March 27th or the 4th Wednesday of the month did not work. City Administrator will call St. Peter speakers and Chamber to see what would work for the other parties involved.
6. Planning/Community Development Director Ken Ondich was present and provided a brief overview:
 - Preliminary Development Plans for the proposed Braith Auto Repair Project on Lot 1, Block 1, New Prague Business Park, 4th Addition. Mr. Ondich reviewed the aerial photo, site plan, building floor plan, and building elevations and views. Mr. Braith is proposing a 4,992 sq. ft. building (615 sq. ft. office, 3,835 sq. ft. shop area and 65 sq. ft. mechanical/storage room). He has adequate parking with 22 spaces, no outdoor storage, and is proposing to conduct mechanical repair on both cars and trucks. Ken stated that he has stone brick veneer proposed around the office building. Ken suggested it might look better if the north side veneer was moved to the south side in between the garage doors and added to the east side, or with the option of some type of shrubs. Signage would need to comply with the Ordinance. Ken will meet with Howard Braith and discuss these options.
 - Mr. Ondich also informed the Board that the City had received a \$50,000 Trail Grant offer from the Mdewakanton Sioux for the Industrial Park Trail, but it was turned down because the application was for \$100,000 on a \$125,000 total project.

7. Planning/Community Development Director Ondich's Business Updates for March 2019 were reviewed.
8. Executive Director's Report:
 - There is a Greater MSP March Investor meeting on March 22, 2019 at the Radisson Blue Mall of America. The featured speaker is Myles Schaver. Bruce Wolf indicated that he is interested in attending with Mike Johnson.
 - The Praha Village Project is a semi-finalist for the 2019 Minnesota Real Estate Journal Awards in the Senior Housing category (Greater Minnesota). The decision will be made on April 11, 2019.
9. Miscellaneous – No items.
10. Adjournment - There being no additional business, it was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at approximately 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator/EDA Executive Director