

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Time and Place: The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room at City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau

ED Members Present: Jim Brezinski (Chair), Romey Wagner (Vice-chair), William Nagle, and Lisa Rasmussen

Others Present: Ann Werth, Maryanne Groat, Nan Giese, Megan Lawrence, Travis Lepinski, Brad Marquardt, Mayor Jim Tipple, Anne Jacobson, Chuck Ghidorzi, Chris Ghidorzi, Matt Krasowski, Damien Sweeny, Thomas Burch, John Morache, Ark Rhownine

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Stats., notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Brezinski noted there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m., introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 11/26/13, 1/28/2014 and 1/30/2014

Nagle moved to approve the minutes. Wagner seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAIVING OF THE CITY'S RIGHT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY IN THE BUSINESS CAMPUS AT 840 SOUTH 66TH AVENUE. (A.L.M. HOLDINGS LLC.)

Wagner moved to approve, declining the right to purchase the property. Nagle seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST BY TOMCOR INDUSTRIES TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 7801 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE IN THE WAUSAU BUSINESS CAMPUS.

Rasmussen moved to approve. Nagle seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXTENDING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR MATT KRASOWSKI AT 500 NORTH 17TH AVENUE.

Rasmussen made the motion to extend the agreement for one year, Nagle second the motion.

Wagner recommended extending the agreement for two years, allowing the real estate market time to turn around.

Rasmussen made the motion to amend her pervious motion of a one year extension to a two year extension. Nagle second the motion for a two year extension and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR 309 MCCLELLAN STREET (WAUSAU CLUB) AND 1418 NORTH 1ST STREET (SAVO Supply)

Groat informed the committee that Graef recently presented another way to attract developers other than the standard Request for Proposal. City staff would go out and actively search for a developer that specializes in these types of developments (called a Request to Developers).

Brezinski recommended that staff pursue an RFP before alternate methods.

Rasmussen made the motion to issue RFP's as soon as possible for both properties, Wagner second and the motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE ON SIGNAGE PROPOSAL FOR CITY FUNDED PROJECTS.

Lawrence stated that the signs are in the works, and the size of the signs will be four feet by four feet.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1214 WEST BRIDGE STREET (PROPOSED KWIK TRIP LOCATION)

Ghidorzi presented to the committee plans for the proposed site and discussed possible solutions to the concerns of the neighbors. Ghidorzi said that some neighbors would like to build an office building. The need for more office space in the area of the proposed site was discussed by the committee. Ghidorzi stated that there is an overabundance of office space available and that there would be a parking problem created if an office was constructed.

No action was taken by the Economic Development Committee.

ADJOURN

Nagle moved to adjourn, Wagner seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson
Jim Brezinski