



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

City of New Prague

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:30 AM

City Hall Council Chambers - 118 Central Ave N

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Brent Quast with the following members present: Troy Pint, Eric Krogman, Bruce Wolf, Duane Jirik, Nick Slavik, and Brent Quast.

Absent: Austin Reville

City staff present: City Administrator Josh Tetzlaff and Planning/Community Development Director Ken Ondich

Others present: Jo Foust, Scott County CDA Business and Community Development Director, and Tony Buthe, New Prague Schools Director of Educational Services

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. March 13, 2024, EDA Meeting Minutes
- b. Claims for Payment: **\$592.33**

Motion made by Pint, seconded by Krogman, to approve. All voted in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

3. FUTURE EDA ENDEAVORS

- a. April 10, 2024

Tetzlaff relayed that the land immediately north of the City's industrial park is now officially on the market for \$6.4 million.

4. BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION (BR&E) PROGRAM

It was noted that visits to Early Childhood Academy, Chart, and Wornson & Goggins had occurred recently. Early Childhood Academy noted multiple concerns with regulations on a state level regarding daycare centers.

5. BUSINESS UPDATES

- a. April 2024

Ondich provided the monthly business update. He added that the business update did not include the topic, but that a 54-unit apartment building was preliminary proposed and presented at the April 1, 2024, City Council and April 3, 2024, Planning Commission meetings. He stated that an application was being considered for the MHFA Workforce Housing Development Program and that a local match would be required in which tax abatement was being considered. He stated that the topic would be discussed again at the April 15, 2024, City Council meeting for a resolution of support.

6. CDA UPDATE

Jo Foust stated that all four Community Land Trust Homes will be sold as of the end of the week and that they are doing other land trust homes in Shakopee and Prior Lake with the goal of spreading the program across the county. She also stated that they are having a student business pitch competition and a County Bus Tour on May 29, 2024, with a stop planned in New Prague for lunch with representatives from DEED and GreaterMSP, along with elected officials.

7. SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

Tony Buthe stated that he's setting up meetings with six businesses from Elko New Market, six from Lonsdale, and six or more from New Prague about building collaborations with what they want to see from employees that are coming out of high school. He also noted the three area city Chamber of Commerce organizations are supporting this effort. He also relayed that in October they are having a Career and Technology Exploratory Day to talk about trades-related jobs and that it's focused on tenth graders.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Tetzlaff noted five new business filings in New Prague city limits in the past month, mostly home businesses. He stated that the sanitary sewer feasibility study is nearing completion with the next step being to look for possible federal or state funding opportunities. He also noted the water plan is also being updated. He stated that Angie Craig will be meeting with the Mayor and that they plan to bring up the cost of the proposed police station and the need for funding. He stated that the 2024 CIP project would start next week. Lastly, he relayed that ash tree removal in the parks would stop at the end of the month as the DNR is not allowing removal during these months.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Early Childhood Academy Correspondence

Ondich stated that Steering Committee Meeting #2 for the Small Area Plan will be held Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jirik, seconded by Slavik, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Joshua M. Tetzlaff
City Administrator / EDA Executive Director