

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tuesday, July 27th, 2010

Kenyon City Hall

MINUTES

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Paulson, Barsness, and Braegelmann

Absent: Commissioner Mayhew

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Heineman

A Motion by Commissioner Barsness, seconded by Commissioner Paulson, was made to call the July 27th EDA meeting to order at 8:00 am. Motion was approved (4-0-0).

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

A Motion by Commissioner Barsness, seconded by Commissioner Braeglemann was made to approve the January 26th, 2010 minutes as presented. Motion was approved (4-0-0).

Reports

Heineman provided an update on the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan. Dan Jankowski (Subway) is current on payments. Heineman also addressed the lease contract with Chris Hanke for the ready-mix concrete plant. Hanke is currently 3-months late on his monthly lease payments, but he is current on his utility payments. The EDA recommended that a "right to cure" letter be sent to Mr. Hanke requesting payment within 30-days. Heineman also informed the EDA of the potential interest of two businesses in the EDA Revolving Loan Program.

The public input meeting for the old Kenyon High School was discussed. It was anticipated that 75-100 people would show up, and approximately 40 people attended the meeting on July 21st. Commissioner Dummer suggested that maybe a lot of people do not care what happens to the site. EDA members were disappointed that representatives from the school district did not express an interest in the gymnasium or offer any level of commitment. According to the straw poll, a slight majority of those in attendance felt that demolition was necessary. Commissioner Barsness stated that we have a lot to offer in this town, and the old high school provides a negative impact. It is an absolute shame to demolish the structure, but it may be a necessity and it is a decision we have to make.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Paulson, seconded by Commissioner Braeglemann, to recommend that the City of Kenyon respond to the 60-day notice to seek ownership of the Old Kenyon High School for public purpose and potential public use. Motion was approved (4-0-0).

Heineman reported that a new owner (Katie Burdick) has taken over the Workout 24/7 business. He is also working with local business owners to re-establish a commercial club or chamber of commerce.

EDA members commented that Commissioner Mayhew missed the last few meetings, and recommended that staff contact him to see if he will be able to continue with the commitment.

There being no further business, a Motion was made to adjourn the EDA meeting at 9:45 a.m. (Dummer/Paulson; 4-0-0).

Chris Heineman, City Administrator

Brian Paulson, EDA President