

Economic Development Committee February 14, 2017 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis Civic Center - Committee Room

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Economic Development Committee Minutes:
 - January 10, 2017 1-10-2017 economic development committee minutes
- 3. Public Comment:
- 4. Discussion and Action Items:
 - Election of a new Chairperson
 - Business of the Year dinner criteria discussion Criteria Used To Base Decision For Commerce
- 5. Correspondence:
- 6. New Business:
- 7. Old Business:
- 8. Adjourn

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NOTE: There is a potential that a quorum of the Common Council may be present.

MINUTES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2017, 4:00PM

Members present: Chairman Rick Wier, Greg Schlecht, Tom Bilot, Tom Dillon, Matt Nelson, Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls, City Administrator Mark Johnsrud, Building Inspector Craig Vretenar, and City Engineer/ Director of Public Works Melinda Dejewski.

Excused: Sandy Jaskulski, Joseph Moriarity.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Wier called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Committee Member Bilot, seconded by Building Inspector Vretenar to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2106 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Discussion and Possible Action

None.

5. Correspondence:

None.

6. New Business: Verbal updates:

Committee Member Schlecht stated that the Brewer outing is on May 12, 2016. Tickets can be obtained from Greg's True Value.

Mayor St. Marie-Carls stated that she was talking with the President for the Admirals and they were considering re-establishing the St. Francis night at an Admirals game. There was general discussion about the event in the past and what the proceeds could be used for in the future.

Chairman Wier stated that he would be stepping down as Chairman at the next meeting. He is preparing to retire from his "day" job and is looking to take a step back from all leadership positions he holds. He will still be a member of the committee but not as the Chairman. Nominations will be accepted at the next meeting. He also stated that the duties of the Committee had changed from advising on proposed legislation and working on community events to just the Business of the Year dinner.

7. Old Business:

Building Inspector Vretenar reported that Bear Development has requested and extension, LW Machine is done and closed; Gizma is closed and someone is purchasing to lease out; Bird Ladder has one more month before final inspection; Joe Marshall is considering a coffee processing business with a retail store; Apiscent has indicated a need for expansion.

City Administrator Johnsrud stated that the King Kase property has been delayed due to the DNR changing their requirements every time the City makes a submittal; the St. Francis Animal

Hospital would like to start construction in spring; the Bear Development requested the extension to be able to rework the site plan and it should be submitted shortly; Sherman and Associated proposals did not move forward; and Mandel has a different vision for their property than it was years ago. They are considering a public meeting to ascertain the acceptance of their revised vision.

There was general discussion on the proposed development on Layton and Pennsylvania in Cudahy.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made by Committee Member Schlecht, seconded by Committee Member Bilot to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:19pm.

Criteria Used To Base Decision For Commerce & Industry Awards

- 1) Does the company in question demand service only or does it also give service to the community?
- 2) Has the company expressed confidence in the community by either expanding locally or keeping its operation here over a prolonged period of time?
- 3) Does the company promote the community as a good place to locate, and does it assist in promoting worthwhile civic projects?
- 4) Does the company enjoy good employee relations and do employment practices include the hiring of local handicapped persons?
- 5) Does the company cooperate with the city with respect to dedications, public improvements, etc?
- 6) Does the company encourage employee membership in local service organizations, civic affairs or city commissions?
- 7) Does the company maintain its premises in a neat and orderly fashion?