



Economic Development Committee
April 12, 2016
4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Economic Development Committee Minutes:
 - February 9, 2016 - [ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINUTES 2-9-2016](#)
3. Public Comment:
4. Discussion and Action Items:
 - Business of the Year
5. Correspondence:
6. New Business:
 - Verbal Update
7. Old Business:
 - Verbal Update
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 FEBRUARY 9, 2016, 4:00 PM

Members present: Chairman Rick Wier, Al Richards, Sandy Jaskuski, Greg Schlecht, Tom Bilot Inspector Craig Vretenar, City Administrator Tim Rhode, Mayor Cory Ann St. Marie –Carls.

Members excused Jeff Czarnecki, City Engineer/ Director of Public Works Melinda Dejewski.

Others attending: Anna Passant, Fire Chief Frank Lockwood, Joann Richards.

1. Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM by Chairman Rick Wier
2. Minutes of the January 12th 2016 meeting.

Motion made by Sandy Jaskuski to approve the minutes of the January 12th 2016 meeting, seconded by Tom Bilot. Motion Approved.

3. Public Comment None
4. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Business of the Year

Rick Wier questioned whether any changes should be made. Discussion was held on the criteria used line by line. Tom Bilot stated the criteria was well thought out. Greg Schlecht motioned to keep the current criteria, motion seconded by Al Richards. Motion Approved. Rick Wier said last year Associated Bank and Lakeside Chiropractic were carried over from the previous years list. Al Richards said this years list should include **St Francis Dental and Bankok House**. He also asked why Lakeshore Medical and Aurora Health care were on the business list several times. This will be corrected. Why was St Ann’s Day care not on the list? Rick Wier Stated they were not looked at as a regular business. Al Richards spoke on the Bankok House that they have given donations when solicited and have been located there since the mid 90’s so they are a long standing business, plus they had good food. Mayor St. Marie-Carls stated businesses being here long term is an important consideration.

Rick Wier asked if the Economic Development Committee is now advisory to the Common Council. Mayor St. Marie –Carls said the duties could be referred to the Council with a preliminary resolution until final approval to have discussion on a change of responsibilities. Administrator Rhode stated the business of the year is to be nominated and coordinated with the CDA to pick and coordinate the dinner event per our municipal code. Rick Wier stated our next meeting will be held on March 8th 2016. Administrator Rhode asked if the event will be held again at the Polenez or crowd dependent. It was decided it would be based on potential crowd size.

5. Correspondence None
6. New Business Craig Vretenar reported the FBI building is on schedule to have completion in April, 2 new homes are applying for permits, Bear Development is moving forward on the lake front project and the old city hall is being razed.

7. Old Business Al Richards asked if there was another committee member that was to be appointed. He noted Tom Bilot has replaced one vacancy. Mayor St. Marie-Carls said she might approach some business owners to see if she could find an interested business owner.
8. Adjourn Sandy Jaskulski Motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tom Bilot. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM