

MEETING MINUTES

CLARA CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2020
October 13, 2020
12:00 Noon

Call-In Number: 1-419-739-2663
Room: 6022
PIN: 2718

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLARA CITY, MINNESOTA

Members present: Chip Goeman, Robert Schwitters, Chad Forkrud (phone), and Steve Jones

Members absent: Rhonda Pieper (excused), Gary Nelson (excused), James Thein

Staff present: Gene Wenstrom (EDA Consultant)

Others present: Sam Peterson (Clara City Herald), and Sherri Broderius (MACCRAY Schools)

1. Call to Order—*By President Chip Goeman at 12:05 P.M.*

2. Additions/Deletions/Modifications/Approval of Agenda

***Action taken:** Upon calling for any additions/deletions/modifications to the draft agenda and receiving none, Chairman Goeman declared the Meeting Agenda to be approved as presented.*

3. Approval of Minutes

3. (A) Regular EDA Meeting Minutes for Oct. 2, 2020.

***Action taken:** M/S/P 4-0 (Schwitters/Forkrud) to approve the EDA Meeting Minutes for Sept. 7, 2020, as presented.*

4. Communications/Notices—*None.*

5. Reports from Officers and Committees

5. (A) Financial Report—*Jones reported no change to the financial position of the EDA from last month.*

5. (B) Loan Servicing Requests, if any—*Staff reported that there were no such requests.*

6. Reports from Staff and Administrative Officers

6. (A) Gene Wenstrom, EDA Consultant, gave an overall update on prospects, including a possible new retail business, some expansion ideas (pharmacy), and the need to proceed with demolition of the Sugar and Spice Building (to be discussed more at the next meeting.)

7. General Business

OLD BUSINESS

7. (A) Information from Superintendent Sherri Broderius, MACCRAY I.S.D. # 2180: Broderius gave an update on the construction bid schedule, the bid process, and interested contractor walk-through times.

7. (B) Update on the former “Junior High Property”: The board discussed possible grant opportunities and the need to get it demolished.

7. (C) Update on Small Cities Grant: The city is still waiting for final approval by the state.

7. (D) Update on the issue of small box “Discount Stores”: The Planning Commission will have this issue as center piece for discussion at their December meeting.

7. (E) Cares Act Funding: The city council has completed the use of about \$100,000 in funds. Three local business received grants. County Commissioner Lopez discussed the county grant program.

7. (F) Potential Bond Refunding: The Board discussed the city plans for of a major refinancing of the Assisted Living Facility, which may produce up to \$419,875 in savings, or a present value of up to 13.16%, later in 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

7. (G) Sugar and Spice Site: Jones and Wenstrom will look into the next steps we need to take to get this site demolished.

8. Announcements: The next meeting of the EDA will be on **Monday, December 7, 2020, 12:00 Noon, at City Hall.**

9. Adjournment—*At 12:30 PM*

ATTEST: _____
Steven C. Jones, Secretary