

MEETING MINUTES

CLARA CITY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 7, 2021

12:00 Noon

Call-In Number: 1-419-739-2663

Room: 6022

PIN: 2718

(Phone activated at 11:59 AM)

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CLARA CITY, MINNESOTA

Members present: Chip Goeman, James Thein, Gary Nelson (Phone), Robert Schwitters, Rhonda Pieper and Steve Jones

Members absent: Chad Forkrud

Staff present: Gene Wenstrom (EDA Consultant)

Others present: Sam Peterson (Clara City Herald), County Commissioner Candice Jaenisch

1. Call to Order—*By President Chip Goeman at 12:02P.M.*

2. Additions/Deletions/Modifications/Approval of Agenda: *Upon calling for any additions/deletions/modifications to the draft agenda and receiving none, President Goeman declared the Meeting Agenda to be approved as presented.*

3. Approval of Minutes

3. (A) Regular EDA Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2021. *M/S/P 6-0 (Thein/Pieper) to approve the EDA Meeting Minutes for May 10, as presented.*

4. Communications/Notices: Noted information from the WC-CEO.

5. Reports from Officers and Committees

5. (A) Financial Report—*No changes from last month.*

5. (B) Loan Servicing Requests, if any—*None*

6. Reports from Staff and Administrative Officers:

6. (A) Gene Wenstrom, EDA Consultant, gave an update on discussions and possible expansion of local businesses, the need for employees and housing, ongoing work on a pharmacy, and a possible big announcement next month.

7. General Business

OLD BUSINESS

7. (A) Sugar and Spice: Demolition is pending.

7. (B) Housing Discussion: Except for the Old Junior High Building, staff has not been able to make progress on single family lots, but they are still working on the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. (C) Dial-In-Number: After discussion, it was the consensus to keep the dial-in the number available for use at future meetings.

7. (D) Supt. Sherri Broderius Update: Not available.

7. (E) Consideration of Action Regarding Lamar Sign Lease on Parcel #13-140-1405: It had been noted by city staff that since 2011 lease payments on the Lamar Billboard sign had not come to the city, but rather a third party. No one was aware of an agreement in place allowing this to happen. Pending review by the City Council, the EDA recommends going forward with recapture of previous rents and having the lease reassigned to the city,

7. (F) Consideration of Action on the Old Junior High Site (RFQ and TIF): After discussion on the RFQ, future RFP, TIF analysis and continuing input from the county, *M/S/P 6-0 (Schwitters/Thein) to pursue RFQ and TIF Analysis on the Old Junior High Project Site.*

8. Announcements: The next meeting of the EDA will be on **Monday, July 12, 2021, 12:00 Noon, at City Hall.**

9. Adjournment—*At 12:31 PM*

ATTEST: _____
Steven C. Jones, Secretary