

**APPROVED MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MAY 8, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming EDA were present:

EDA Members: Mayor Iverson, Council Member Schilling, Eric Nault, Andrew Buccanero, and Alex Bulmer

Also Present: Robb Linwood - City Administrator and Nancy Hoffman – Chisago County HRA/EDA

ABSENT: Eddie Prigge

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

“An opportunity for members of the public to address the EDA on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring EDA action maybe deferred to staff for research and future EDA Agendas if appropriate.”

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota City EDA for March 13, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY EDA MEMBER SCHILLING SECONDED BY EDA MEMBER BULMER TO APPROVE THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR March 13, 2023

Voting Aye: Iverson, Schilling, Nault, Buccanero and Bulmer

Voting Nay:

Abstain:

SCHEDULED BID LETTINGS: NONE.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items under the “Consent Agenda” will be adopted with one motion; however, council members may request individual items to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion and action if they choose.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. EDA Updates

City Administrator Linwood gave an update regarding the downtown study to be completed by MSA. He was happy to announce they received grants and donations of a total of \$11,000 for the study. \$5,000

from the Chisago County HRA/EDA, \$5,000 from the Initiative Foundation and \$1,000 from Xcel Energy. The thanked all of the partners for their generous donations.

The April and May Wyoming EDA businesses of the month were Splitrocks and Wyoming Dental.

Mr. Linwood gave an update on Manufacturing Month for October. Nancy Hoffman, Chisago County HRA/EDA director organized a kickoff meeting on Thursday, May 4th for a manufacturer month event in October. The meeting was attended by multiple cities in the county, schools, Deed representatives and Chisago County businesses. We will be working with schools for business tours during the day including a job fair like last year. Tentatively the event will be held at Splitrocks in Wyoming.

3. Childcare Provider Resource Fairs - Chisago County HRA/EDA

Nancy Hoffman from the Chisago County HRA/EDA gave an update about upcoming childcare fairs that would be located in Chisago Lakes, North Branch and Rush City. They will have resources and assistance in starting a child care business or to discover additional resources for your existing business in Chisago County. Experts will be on-hand to discuss licensing, regulations, funding, marketing, training and more. She also stated that the County just received grant dollars that from the State of Minnesota that new daycare's could be eligible for up to \$2,000 for the start up a new childcare business.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Multi-Family Housing concept Plan - Jared Ackmann - Rueter Walton

Jared Ackmann completed a presentation of a three story seventy unit Apartment concept located west of the Sunrise Trail across from City Hall. He discussed the strong demand for multi-family projects in Chisago County. This would be a tax credit project and it is a competitive process through the state of Minnesota. Similar to the 2019 project they would need a resolution of support from the city and the potential of the use of TIF for the project, but that would need be vetted due to some new legislation and the overall cost of the project. The applications for the tax credit would be due in July of this year. He reviewed with the EDA similar projects from their portfolio showing the exteriors, interiors and surrounding amenities with the apartments. He reviewed the different make up of the apartments with the EDA for the project that would include one, two, three and four bedroom apartments. The EDA looked favorably at the project and gave consensus to move forward. Mr. Ackmann would return at the June meeting for more discussion with the group and looking at more detailed information for the project.

UPDATES:

Mayor Iverson – Discussed looking at the use of Food Trucks for some ideas of Economic Development for local businesses. Staff will be researching more if that would be an allowable expenditure and how this could be tied into that idea.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SCHILLING SECONDED BY MEMBE BULMER TO ADJOURN THE MAY 8, 2023 “REGULAR MEETING” OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING AT 6:35P.M.

Voting Aye: Iverson, Bulmer, Schilling, Buccanero and Nault

Voting Nay:

Abstain: