

TOWER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 10, 2009
TUESDAY @ 4:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The regular meeting of TEDA was called to order by President Sorensen at 4:04 PM.

Present: Broten, Hanson, Sorensen, Niemiste, Peterson, Scott
Absent: Abrahamson, Broten
Also Present: Lamppa, Grabko

Visitors: Kotzian, Jodi Summit

Motion by Scott supported by Niemiste to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Niemiste supported by Scott to accept the agenda as presented. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input: Jodi Summit spoke about the Farmer's Market that is being planned for the summer of 2009. She also informed the board about the logging that is to be done by MN Power in the area south of town in a Cedar stand. After some citizen concern, the route is being reviewed.

Tim Kotzian spoke about the \$150,000 of commercial rehab grant from IRR that the City is applying. He requested that TEDA write a letter of support.

Motion by Hanson supported by Scott to have Grabko and Sorensen write a letter of support. All yes. Motion carried.

Sorensen talked about attendance at meetings. He suggested that maybe a policy on this issue is needed.

Director' Report: Grabko reported that EDA Center at the University of Minnesota, Crookston is soliciting requests from communities to seek direct technical assistance to support their economic development activities.

Grabko also request approval to send a letter to Blandin Foundation to seek funds to support a director's position and a letter to the Greater MN Housing Fund to present Tower as a candidate for the Neighborhood Housing Rehabilitation Pilot Project.

Motion by Scott supported by Hanson to apply for assistance from the EDA Center at the University of Minnesota, Crookston; to send a letter to the Blandin Foundation for funding for a TEDA Director; and send a letter to the Greater MN Housing Fund to be a part of their Neighborhood Revitalization Project. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Niemiste supported by Scott to approve Dick Grabko's assistance to TEDA

until the Director's issue is settled. All yes. Motion carried.

Grabko left at 5:00 PM.

Scott reported that she had heard from two doctors, one from Ely and the other from the Laurentian Clinic. There is interest in providing a clinic in Tower, however Tower would need to provide the space. The doctors said that they would help find a physician's assistant.

Kotzian spoke about the need for an additional wastewater pond. He suggested that Dick Grabko and Dave Sorensen put together a presentation for the TBWWB on the need for sewer expansion.

Motion by Peterson supported by Scott to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott to adjourn. Time: 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa
TEDA Secretary