

Tower Economic Development Authority
January 13, 2009
Tuesday @ 4:00 PM
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of TEDA was called to order by President Sorenson at 4:13 PM.

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

Visitors: Kotzian, Jodi Summit

Motion by Scott supported by Peterson to approve the minutes of December 16, 2008. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson supported by Scott to approve the agenda with the following additions: (1) Historic Harbor and (2) Recruitment and Retention of Businesses. All yes. Motion carried.

Public Input: Jodi Summit, of the Timberjay, wanted to know if TEDA was interested in putting an ad in the 2009 edition of the "Fun Times". Cost of a half page ad is \$598.00. Tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Scott supported by Abrahamson to reappoint Steve Peterson to the Tower Economic Development Authority for a six year term as preapproved by the City Council on 1-12-09. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Abrahamson supported by Peterson to appoint the following positions for 2009:

President: David Sorenson
Vice President: Muriel Scott
Treasurer: Gretchen Niemiste
Asst. Treasurer: Brenda Broten

All yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Historic Harbor Project.

Director's Report : Grabko is meeting with Blandin and IRR to try and secure funding for a TEDA director.

The City of Tower is applying for the IRR \$150,000 Commercial Grant Program, which is due by February 1, 2009.

Grabko has been working on the Greater MN Housing Fund application. This program would benefit both the home owner and commercial district. If TEDA is successful, Greater MN Housing would hire their own person to oversee the project.

Motion by Peterson supported by Abrahamson to allow Grabko to submit the

Greater MN Housing Fund application All yes. Motion carried.

Grabko will apply for reimbursement of grant writing from the IRR grant fund.

Scott and Hanson have been researching buildings on the Main Street for the possible location of a clinic. The Timberjay building has room available. The next step would involve getting costs of renovating the space. Scott and Hanson will continue to work on the clinic project.

Sorenson led a discussion on business recruitment and retention. Abrahamson volunteered to make some contacts to see if anyone is interested in starting a business in Tower.

Muriel left at 5:37 pm.

The regularly scheduled TEDA meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM.

Motion by Hanson supported by Abrahamson to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson to adjourn. Time: 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lamppa
TEDA Secretary