

**Becker EDA Meeting Agenda
Becker City Hall
Council Chambers
5:30 PM**

March 13, 2023

5:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL
2. MINUTES FROM February 13, 2023
3. GUESTS AND OPEN FORUM
4. UPDATES
 - A. Monthly Market Report – Voller
 - B. Business Visits
 - C. Planning
5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION
 - A. BRECC Update
 - B. Pharmacy Research Update
6. LEADS AND NEEDS
 - A. City Logo Apparel Item
7. OTHER
8. ADJOURN

**Economic Development Authority
Minutes of February 13, 2023**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, an Economic Development Authority meeting was held on February 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Hollenhorst, Andy Voller, Lori Keller, Robin Dingmann, Rick Hendrickson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Renee Regel – Economic Development Coordinator, Caryn Dunderi – Administrative Technician

Hollenhorst called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HENDRICKSON TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA, REMOVING THE PLANNING UPDATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DINGMANN. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

AYE: HOLLENHORST, VOLLER, KELLER, DINGMANN, HENDRICKSON

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HENDRICKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2023 MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VOLLER. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

AYE: HOLLENHORST, VOLLER, KELLER, HENDRICKSON

NAY: NONE

ABSTAIN: DINGMANN

MOTION CARRIED

GUESTS AND OPEN FORUM

None

UPDATES:

MONTHLY MARKET UPDATE

Voller informed EDA there were 15 homes for sale in Becker, built prior to 2021. In the 55308 zip code, 16 homes are for sale, 5 have pending sales, and there are 3 homes with contingent sales. He added closed sales declined by 33% and new listing are down 12.4%.

Voller stated the 30 year fixed-rate mortgage rate currently dropped from the previous month to 6.09%; last year at this time the rate was at 3.55%.

BUSINESS VISITS

Regel informed EDA members that city staff had made visits to Darter Plastics and Liberty Paper. She reported both businesses were experiencing workforce shortages.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION:

EDA RES 23-02 REVISED EDA BY-LAWS ADOPTION

Regel reported that the changes to the EDA by-laws had been approved by City Council; the by-laws were reviewed by legal to assure they accurately represent the purpose and goals of EDA as well as align with the current code and statutory regulations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DINGMANN TO ADOPT EDA RESOLUTION 23-02 ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF BECKER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BY-LAWS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

AYE: HOLLENHORST, VOLLER, KELLER, DINGMANN, HENDRICKSON

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

BECKER CHAMBER UPDATES

Regel reported the annual business expo, hosted by Becker Chamber of Commerce, had recently taken place; the City had a table with staff handing out information regarding planning news along with the industrial park's sewer and infrastructure updates. She added that the event had approximately five hundred people in attendance.

BRECC APPLICATION UPDATE

Regel informed EDA members that NACo has selected Becker to participate in BRECC's Commitment Coalition. She added that there will be opportunities to share ideas with other local leaders and visit coal communities throughout the country. Regel said that Council's approval of the City's participation needs to be approved before she can sign the memorandum of understanding and officially accept placement in the Coalition.

PHARMACY RESEARCH UPDATE

Regel reported she has been following leads for pharmacy recruitment. Regel added she is researching grants and sources of financial aid to incentivize pharmacies to open in Becker.

LEADS AND NEEDS:

UPCOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK: MAY 8 – 12

Regel told members that Economic Development Week will be taking place May 8th through the 12th. She announced St. Cloud State economics professor, King Banaian, is schedule to give a presentation to the public during that week. Discussion regarding ways to promote Economic Development Week followed.

OTHER:

CELL PHONE / EMAIL USE

Staff reminded members that communication on personal email accounts can be subject to data requests; to protect their personal information, members are encouraged to use their city provided email accounts for EDA communication.

ADJOURN:

MOTION BY HENDRICKSON, SECOND BY DINGMANN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM.

Minutes by:

Caryn Dunderi – EDA Secretary