

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

May 8, 2023

5:30 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL
2. MINUTES FROM April 10, 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. Economic Development Week Updates
6. LEADS AND NEEDS
 - A. Socialize “Lunch N Learn” Flyer
7. OTHER
 - A.
8. ADJOURN

**Economic Development Authority
Minutes of April 10, 2023**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, an Economic Development Authority meeting was held on April 10, 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, Jacob Sanders - Community Development Coordinator, Caryn Dunderi – Administrative Technician

Hollenhorst called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. with a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HENDRICKSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. 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 MARCH 13, 2023 MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VOLLER. UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN THE FOLLOWING VOTED:

AYE: HOLLENHORST, VOLLER, KELLER, DINGMANN, HENDRICKSON

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

GUESTS AND OPEN FORUM

None

UPDATES:

MONTHLY MARKET UPDATE

Voller informed EDA there were 11 homes for sale in Becker, built prior to 2021. In the 55308 zip code, 16 homes built in 2022 or 2023 are for sale, 16 have pending sales, and there are 2

homes with contingent sales. He added that there are 3 properties in foreclosure and 5 notices of pendency to foreclose.

BUSINESS VISITS

Regel reported that two local businesses were moving out of Becker due to expansion and personal relocation.

Regel said that she met with several local commercial banking teams and discussed potential incentives for new and existing businesses in Becker.

Regel said she attended a King Banaian event in preparation for his speaking engagement at Pebble Creek during Economic Development Week.

Regel added that she and Mayor Bertram met with Steil Insurance for a “Mondays with the Mayor” discussion; additional invitations for “Mondays With The Mayor” will continue to be sent to local businesses.

PLANNING

Sanders reported that Dairy Queen’s CUP for a drive through restaurant had been approved. He added that building plans had also been approved, but grading changes will need to be addressed before the building permit can be issued.

Sanders said that the UPS store is close to completion with signage to be installed soon.

Sanders announced that the purchase agreement for the old fire hall had been signed by the City and Becker Township and added the surrounding area will need to go through the platting process.

Sanders updated EDA members that the new Community Development Administration Assistant had recently started and will continue to train for the associate planner position.

He added that the MSA was approved for the zoning overhaul project and a contract was currently being drafted.

Sanders told EDA members that the building official had completed his review of the Avalon Home apartment buildings and a letter to the architect will be sent out soon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION:

BRECC UPDATE

Regel reported that she had volunteered Becker as a potential candidate for one of the BRECC site visits; she added there is no guarantee Becker will be chosen and the next time the group will meet is the end of April.

Regel reminded EDA members that King Banaian will be speaking at Pebble Creek during Economic Development Week; at this time twenty-three people, outside of staff, have registered for the event.

LEADS AND NEEDS:

Regel asked EDA members to socialize the “Lunch and Learn” even featuring Banaian.

OTHER:

Voller inquired about the potential sale of City owned property for the development of an ice arena. Hendrickson said that at this time there is no City owned land is being actively marked for that specific use. More discussion on this topic to follow.

Voller asked for an update on the status of the Sherburne County Power Plant Master Plan; Sander reported that the Master Plan had been adopted by City Council. He added that the document is not a restrictive plan, but rather a guide for the future development of buffer property surrounding Sherco Power Plant.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY HENDRICKSON, SECOND BY DINGMANN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:16 PM.

Minutes by:

Caryn Dunderi – EDA Secretary