

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes for Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Barsness, Engel, Oren, and Braegelmann.

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

Motion (Oren/Braegelmann), to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

Motion (Oren/Dummer) to approve the quarterly financial reports as presented. Approved 5-0-0.

Director Vahlsing stated that NAPA and St. Mark Ready Mix are current on their lease payments.

Old Kenyon High School Project

Vahlsing gave an update on the status of the abatement and demolition process of the old High School. Demolition is nearly completed. A few piles of aggregate material remain on the site. The project completion date is July 31, 2013.

Façade Improvement Program

The Authority reviewed two program applications.

-Municipal Liquor Store – Signs and window replacement - \$1756

The City of Kenyon applied for funding for new windows on the second floor and new signs on the front of the building. The total project cost is \$3512. Motion (Oren/Engle) to approve Façade Improvement Program application of Kenyon Municipal Liquor store in the amount of \$1756. Motion carried 5-0-0. Funding to cover 50% of the cost of windows and signage.

-Nygaard Auto Repair applied for funding to replace doors and signs. The amount of program funding applied for is \$3627.50. The total project cost is \$7255. Motion (Oren/Barsness) to approve Façade Improvement Program application of Thomas Nygaard in the amount of \$3627.50. Motion carried 5-0-0. The total project cost would be \$7255.

Lawrence Schweich / 632 2nd Street

Vahlsing updated the EDA on the status of the Schweich hotel project. The Hotel has been open a few months. Business seems to be doing very well. They have been bringing in groups from the outside area. The hotel rooms are booked out for several months. The hotel should continue to be a solid draw to the community for the foreseeable future.

Building Permit for 626 2nd Street

Vahlsing indicated that the City had begun enforcement action on this matter.

New Business

Hanke – St. Mark –Construction of Permanent Ready Mix plant

Chris Hanke has applied for a building permit. He is planning on starting construction of the permanent concrete processing plant in August. The purchase agreement requires project completion by September 15. Vahlsing will keep the EDA Board members informed of the progress of construction.

Bigelow Forfeited Property

Vahlsing informed the Board that the back taxes on the Bigelow property were paid before the May 15 deadline. Therefore, the lots will not go foreclosure. Goodhue County has indicated that there will be more lots eligible for tax forfeiture next spring. Vahlsing suggested that the EDA discuss this item further at the next meeting.

Property held by City of Kenyon on Fawn Run

Vahlsing stated that the City has finalized the acquisition of the property on Fawn Run. The parcels will be used for a future park. The Park Board (with Council approval) hopes to order park equipment in August.

Update on Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan Matrix was discussed. The Council set the Strategic Priority Action Areas items last month. These priorities are summarized and listed in order of overall ranking from surveys completed by the Council, board and commission members and Department Heads. The six priority projects are listed and for each item a draft objective followed by implementation steps below. This part of the plan is still being developed.

When completed the overall final draft with objectives and implementation will then go back to the Council for review. After the draft plan is reviewed by the Council one or two public meetings will be held prior to final adoption. The draft plan will also be distributed to groups such as KABA for comments. The final plan will then be adopted by the Council and distributed in the community

Festal Farms Property – Highway 60 (east of Wastewater Treatment Plant)

Vahlsing told to the EDA Board that he had met with representatives of Festal Farms in June. They would be willing to sell the City any or all of the 28 acres east of the County Highway Building on Highway 60. Their asking price would be \$13,500 an acre. Festal would hold the price for the near term understanding that the City would need time to consider the idea. They would also consider selling a portion of the property to the City and giving an option on the remaining portions of the property.

Motion (Oren/Barsness) to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes for Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Barsness, Engel, and Bragelmann.

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Stu Campbell

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

Motion (Barsness/Engle), to approve the minutes as presented. Approved 5-0-0.

Motion (Bragelman/Barsness) to approve the quarterly financial reports as presented. Approved 5-0-0.

Director Vahlsing stated that NAPA and St. Mark Ready Mix are current on their lease payments.

Old Kenyon High School Project

Vahlsing gave an update on the status of the abatement and demolition process of the old High School. Demolition is completed. The site has been seeded and cover material installed. The 1st Lutheran Church has taken possession of the property.

Façade Improvement Program

Status of existing projects:

Tom Nygaard

-508 2nd St. - Shop *

-502 2nd St. - McBroom Chiropractic Building*

-514 2nd Street – Hatfield Computer*

-520 2nd Street – Fearing Furniture Refinishing Building*

* Josh Lerfald Construction has started work

All Seasons Community Services Owner

-530 2nd Street – Third World Partners Building – Completed

City of Kenyon –

-Municipal Liquor Store – Completed

The EDA reviewed one new program application;

Craig Dettling 637 2nd St. – JB's Hair Care

Repair existing windows. Replace siding and repairs to front of building. Program funding applied for: \$1390.50/Total project cost. \$2781

Building Permit for 626 2nd Street

Vahlsing indicated that the City is in the process enforcement action on this matter.

New Business

Update on Strategic Plan

Director Vahlsing stated that the Council reviewed the Strategic Plan objectives and implementation steps in October. The plan will be presented to community groups like KABA and the Jaycees in November. After getting feedback from community groups, there will be one or two public meetings to present the plan before it is adopted. The final plan will then be adopted by the Council and distributed in the community. Major components of the plan will involve the EDA. These include the possible development of a new fire station, industrial park land and prioritizing the downtown commercial area.

Hanke – St. Mark –Construction of Permanent Ready Mix plant

Director Vahlsing stated that improvements on the site have not begun to date. The purchase/development had a September 30, 2013 deadline for the improvements to be completed. As a result Mr. Hanke is in default of the terms of the agreement. He requested an extension in August via e-mail. Vahlsing had requested a formal written extension request. No further correspondence was received. Chris Hanke called in to the meeting. He stated that he had changed plans for the permanent ready mix plant, and would look at a starting construction on a plant in the spring. Concerns were raised if Hanke would start construction in 2014. Also the amount of materials on the site was a large concern.

City Attorney Riggs then called in to the meeting. He stated that there were two options. Either grant Hanke an extension or foreclose on the property. The board discussed both options. The Board asked the City Attorney if financial penalties could be added to an extension request. He stated that penalties could be added for failure to achieve certain milestones in the contract. The consensus of the EDA Board was to negotiate an extension to the purchase agreement,

Motion (Engle/Dummer) to authorize City Attorney to prepare an extension to Purchase and Development agreement with Chris Hanke. The extension shall contain financial penalties for failure to meet milestone dates. Also cleanup of the property shall be included in the agreement. Approved 5-0-0.

626 2nd Street / Structural Analysis – Building Permit

Director Vahlsing stated that an order to abate the hazardous conditions of the building located at 626 2nd Street has been served on Brant Bell. In the order he was given 20 days to correct the problem or face possible legal action from the City. The 20 days expired on Wednesday October 23. Mr. Brandt subsequently provided a report from a structural engineer on how the conditions would be corrected. A formal answer to the complaint has not been provided by Mr. Brant. If the conditions listed in the complaint are not corrected the City Council could authorize the City Attorney to move the complaint to court for further action, or ask Mr. Brandt for a specific schedule to complete the improvements. The Council will discuss the matter further at the November 12 meeting.

Festal Farms Property – Highway 60 (east of Wastewater Treatment Plant)

No new information.

New Business

Tax Forfeited Parcel –West of funeral home

Director Vahlsing stated that the City was informed by Goodhue County that a tax forfeited parcel will be coming up for foreclosure next spring. The parcel is located east of the funeral home; the size of the parcel is 74 x 140 or .241 acres. The funeral home is interested in acquiring the site but the land would have to transfer to the EDA from the County. The EDA could then resell or convey the land

to another entity for economic development purposes. If the land was sold to the funeral home they would have to sign a development agreement with the EDA. This agreement would allow the City to control any future development that may occur on the parcel.

The EDA Board directed Vahlsing to contact the owners of the funeral home to determine interest in the parcel and report back at the January EDA meeting.

Goodhue County EDA Summit – October 24

Director Vahlsing updated the Board on the Goodhue County economic development summit on October 24 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. It will be held at Schewich's Hotel. The event will focus on Workforce Development, Healthcare implementation, and other topics. Further information is listed on the flyer in your packet.

Motion (Barsness/Bragelman) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Special Meeting

Minutes for Tuesday, October 23, 2013

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Engel, and Braegelmann, Barsness. **Absent:** Oren
Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The purpose of the special meeting was to review a Façade Improvement Grant application.

Executive Director Vahlsing reviewed the Façade Improvement Program application for: Craig Dettling 637 2nd St. – JB's Hair Care Repair existing windows. Replace siding and repairs to front of building. Program funding applied for: \$1390.50. Total project cost: \$2781

Motion by (Engel/Barsness) to approve the Façade Program application for Craig Dettling 637 2nd St. for \$1390.50. Approved 4-0-0.

Motion (Barsness/Bragelman) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 a.m. Approved 4-0-0

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes for Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Barsness, Engel, Braegelmann, and Oren.

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Chris Hanke

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion (Oren/Braegelmann) to accept agenda. Motion Carried 5-0-0

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

Motion (Oren/Braegelmann), to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

Motion (Braegelmann/Barsness) to approve the quarterly financial reports as presented. Approved 5-0-0.

Election of 2014 Officers

Motion (Barsness/Braegelmann) to elect as a slate of officers - Mark Vahlsing as Executive Director / Secretary of the EDA. Dan Dummer as President, and Ove Oren as Treasurer. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Reports

Director Vahlsing stated that NAPA and St. Mark Ready Mix are current on their lease payments.

Facade Improvement Program

Status of existing projects:

Craig Dettling 637 2nd St. – JB's Hair Care

Repair existing windows. Replace siding and repairs to front of building. Program funding applied for: \$1390.50/Total project cost. \$2781

Building Permit for 626 2nd Street

Vahlsing updated the group on the status of the renovations to the building. The owner is currently working on structural and other interior renovations to the building. There is a deadline in early February for the renovations to be completed.

Unfinished Business

Update on Strategic Plan

Vahlsing stated that the Strategic Plan had been adopted at the January 2014 Council meeting. Feedback received at the December public meeting and from other groups was that the development of a new fire hall was the top priority for the City. A committee is being formed that will review sites, and facility design. The Council will appoint members of the Community at the February meeting. The EDA may be involved in the project depending on how the project is financed. Other strategic plan objectives involving the EDA are possible development of an industrial park, and business district improvements.

Hanke – St. Mark –Construction of Permanent Ready Mix plant

Vahlsing stated that Chris Hanke finally has responded to the Purchase Agreement Amendment. The EDA Board reviewed a marked up copy of the amendment to the purchase agreement. Hanke asked that the performance deadline dates listed in the addendum be extended 30 days.

Barsness stated that he was concerned about the state of Hanke's site and the waterline that was installed in November of 2012. Vahlsing stated that he was very concerned about Hanke's lack of response, and all of the debris on the site. He warned Hanke that the EDA Board would most likely not grant another extension in 2014. Hanke stated that he not been able to start his project due to the weather and other reasons out of his control. Engel was also concerned about the lack of progress, but stated that we should look forward. Motion (Oren /Engel) to approve amendment to purchase agreement with Chris Hanke. Motion Carried. 5-0-0

Festal Farms Property – Highway 60 (east of Wastewater Treatment Plant)

No new information.

Tax Forfeited Parcel –West of Michaelson Funeral Home

Vahlsing updated the Board on the status of the tax forfeited parcel that will be coming up for foreclosure this spring located east of the funeral home. The size of the parcel is 74 x 140 or .241 acres. The funeral home is interested in acquiring the site but the land would have to transfer to the EDA from the County. The EDA could then resell or convey the land to another entity for economic development purposes. The EDA would need to send a request to the County requesting the parcel for these purposes.

Michaelson Funeral Home is interested in the parcel if they expand their current facility. They are also considering building a new funeral home in Kenyon. I plan on contacting them again in April. The land would have to be acquired before May 1, 2014.

New Business

Fire Hall

Vahlsing discussed the Fire Hall project. The Council will be appointing a committee to study options for a new fire department facility in February. The EDA is one option that could be used to finance a new facility.

Banners

Vahlsing updated the EDA on the possible installation of new banners in the downtown area. He asked the EDA to consider funding part of the cost of the banners.

Motion (Oren/Braegelmann) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes for Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Barsness, Engel, Braegelmann, and Oren.

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion (Oren/Barsness) to accept agenda. Motion Carried 5-0-0

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

Motion (Oren/Barsness), to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

Motion (Engel/Oren) to approve the quarterly financial reports as presented. Approved 5-0-0.

Reports

Director Vahlsing stated that NAPA and St. Mark Ready Mix are current on their lease payments.

Mayor Engel asked Administrator Vahlsing to follow-up on fixing the back of the NAPA Building

Facade Improvement Program

Vahlsing updated the EDA Board on the status of existing projects:

Craig Dettling 637 2nd St. – JB's Hair Care

Repair existing windows. Replace siding and repairs to front of building. Program funding applied for: \$1390.50/Total project cost \$2781.

All Seasons Community Services and Brant Bell – 626 2nd St. have taken applications to fill out.

Business Recruitment & Retention

Administrator Vahlsing informed the EDA Board that Metal Transformations Manufacturing will be moving into the former Farm and Home Building in May. Meyer Built builds attachments for skid steers, as well as other contract metal fabrication jobs. They currently employ five full time persons and hope to add 2-3 more in the next 12 months. The Council approved rezoning the site from C-2 (General Commercial) to I-1. (Industrial). He has discussed technical assistance and financing programs with the owners.

Hanke – St. Mark –Construction of Permanent Ready Mix plant

Vahlsing stated that no activity had taken place since the last EDA meeting.

626 2nd Street / Brant Bell

Vahlsing stated that the required work to the building was completed by the February deadline. There was no indication from the building owner on a use for the main level of the building.

Festal Farms Property – Highway 60 (east of Wastewater Treatment Plant)

No new information. The EDA discussed other possible sites for industrial development in the City.

Vahlsing stated that he would check on the location and possible cost estimate to run utilities to the Festal Farms site. Councilmen Barsness suggested that the City look at the feasibility of developing the 10 acres that the City owns near the Equalization Basin south of Highway 60.

Tax Forfeited Parcel –West of Michaelson Funeral Home

Vahlsing indicated that he had not received a response from Michaelson Funeral home on their possible interest in land to the west of their location in Kenyon. The tax forfeited parcel that will be coming up for tax foreclosure in May. President Dummer asked Vahlsing to contact Michaelson again to see if they are still interested in the site.

New Business

Fire Hall

Vahlsing discussed the Fire Hall project. There are currently three sites under consideration. Vahlsing stated that he was negotiating with the owners of the sites. The Fire Hall committee will be meeting again in the next 2-3 weeks with to review site options. The EDA is one option that could be used to finance a new facility.

Banners

Vahlsing updated the EDA on the possible installation of new banners in the downtown area. He asked the EDA to consider funding part of the cost of the banners.

President Dummer requested that each member of the EDA come back to the July meeting with three ideas to improve the community.

Board member Oren stated that he would be stepping down as bank president and also would be resigning from the EDA Board before the end of May.

President Dummer thanked Oren for his service to the Community and EDA.

Mayor Engel stated that there should be more marketing of the City. Consideration should be given to radio advertising.

Councilmen Barsness stated that more parking was needed in the downtown area. This is an issue the EDA should review further.

Motion (Engel/Oren) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes for Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Barsness, Engel, Braegelmann, and Campbell.

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion (Barsness/Bragelman) to accept agenda. Motion Carried 5-0-0

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

Motion (Bragelmann/Barsness), to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

Motion (Engel/Barsness) to approve the quarterly financial reports as presented. Approved 5-0-0.

Reports

Director Vahlsing stated that NAPA and St. Mark Ready Mix are current on their lease payments.

Administrator Vahlsing updated the EDA Board on repairs that had been made by the City to the NAPA Building.

Façade Improvement Program

Vahlsing updated the EDA Board on the status of existing projects:

Craig Dettling had completed repairs and siding replacement to his building located at 637 2nd St. – JB's Hair Care. The amount of program funding approved for the project was \$1390.50.

The Kenyon Vet Clinic had applied for funding for a new sign. Administrator Vahlsing stated that the application would be discussed later in the meeting.

Business Recruitment & Retention

Administrator Vahlsing informed the EDA Board that Metal Transformations Manufacturing had closed on the former Farm and Home Building at the end of April. They plan on working on the outside of the building soon. They have not moved into the building to date.

Hanke – St. Mark –Construction of Permanent Ready Mix plant

Vahlsing stated that Chris Hanke had an approved building permit and had started construction.

Tax Forfeited Parcel –West of Michaelson Funeral Home

Vahlsing indicated that he had not received a response from Michaelson Funeral home on their possible interest in land to the west of their location in Kenyon. The tax forfeited parcel will be coming up for tax foreclosure in May. Mayor Engel suggested that the property should be reviewed for parking adjacent to the downtown. President Dummer asked Vahlsing to contact Michaelson again to see if they are still interested in the site.

New Business

Fire Hall

The Fire Facility Committee is in the process of reviewing site options for a new FD facility. The committee had previously identified the south half of the current Central Valley Co-op fueling station site located off of Highway 56. The site was found to have elevated levels of nitrates. As a result test wells had to be installed.

The facility committee met again last week to attempt to identify other potential sites. Two areas were identified by the committee. The first would be located on the sites of the Cemstone Plant and a portion of the Minnesota Mattress Factory property. This site would be between Langford Avenue and Slee St. The second area that was discussed would be located along Slee St. from the old hotel going north including

several residential properties. Depending on cost and site conditions, both sites are large enough offer flexibility. Vahlsing said he will be contacting land owners to gain their interest in selling to the City.

Banners

Vahlsing updated the EDA on the 30 banners that were just installed in the downtown area. Vahlsing requested that the EDA pay for half of the cost of the banners. The total cost of the banners was approximately \$2900. Motion (Dummer/Barsness) to approve paying half of the cost the downtown banners. Motion was approved 5-0-0

Façade Improvement Program application

Kenyon Veterinary Clinic - 109 Forest St.

The vet clinic was applying for funding to assist with the cost of a new exterior sign. They are applying for \$600 to over half of the cost of the sign. Motion (Engel/Campbell) to approve Façade Improvement Application of for Kenyon Vet Clinic. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Community Improvements

At the June meeting President Dummer requested that each member of the EDA come back to the July meeting with three ideas to improve the community. He asked members for their ideas.

Bragelemann

-General clean-up of community. Specifically properties behind his store.

-Trim the trees in the downtown area

Campbell

-More recreation opportunities especially trails.

-The bank will be installing a monument type of sign with a digital display in the downtown area.

Community events will be able to displayed on the sign.

Mayor Engel

-Directional sign to school, golf course, parks.

-More marketing of the city especially radio, T.V.

-Develop areas for art studio space, display and lofts.

Dummer

-More recreational trails

-Pool improvements

-Hanging flowers in the downtown area.

-Industrial park development

-More uses and events at the Gunderson house.

Administrator Vahlsing

-Look into submitting Small Cities Development Application

-Work with hotel to look at options long term for some type of culinary center.

-Increase marketing of the City to businesses to possible residents.

Motion (Barsness/Bragelemann) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Barsness, Engel, Braegelmann

Absent: Campbell.

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing

The Special EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of the special meeting was to consider a subordination agreement for the Kenyon Sunset Home.

Motion (Engel/Bragelman) to approve Sunset Home Subordination agreement. Motion carried 4-0-0

Motion (Engel/Barsness) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 a.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President

KENYON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes for Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Present: Commissioners Dummer, Barsness, Engel, and Braegelmann, Campbell.

Others in Attendance: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing,

The EDA meeting was held in the City Hall Conference room and Dummer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by (Engel/Campbell) to accept Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval and Acceptance of Financial/Statutory Items

Motion (Engel/Campbell), to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

Motion (Engel/Barsness) to approve the quarterly financial reports as presented. Approved 5-0-0.

Reports

Director Vahlsing stated that NAPA and St. Mark Ready Mix are current on their lease payments.

Administrator Vahlsing discussed ideas on dealing with future past due lease payments. The EDA would also need to think about some type of end to the current lease in 2015. He also stated that the lease payments had been 90 days past due, but on October 21st the rent was brought current through the end of October, 2014.

Facade Improvement Program

Kenyon Vet Clinic: Install new sign \$600. The total project cost is \$1200.

Status of existing projects:

Hanke – St. Mark –Construction of Permanent Ready Mix plant

Status of Building permit: Administrator Vahlsing updated the Authority on the status of the project. Construction on the new concrete plant is well underway. The processing area has been built and the office/control building construction is also underway. After an inspection by the Building officials three weeks ago, it was determined that construction had changed from the original approved plans. The City had never been notified of those changes. As a result, the building inspector issued a stop-work order on the construction. Chris Hanke will be required to submit revised construction plans in accordance with State Building, plumbing and electrical codes. The plans must be signed off by a registered architect. Since the stop-work order was issued, no further work has been completed on the project. There is a November 31, 2014 deadline for completion of construction.

Festal Farms Property – Highway 60 (east of Wastewater Treatment Plant)

No new information.

Tax Forfeited Parcel –West of funeral home

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the funeral home owners have indicated that they are going to pursue eventual construction of a new facility in Kenyon. They do not know how soon this will happen. But they do not appear to be interested in the tax forfeited land adjacent to the funeral home property at the present time. Consideration might be given to using the site as a parking lot. But more review would be needed before pursuing any further uses for the land.

Fire Hall

Vahlsing stated that the City Council did not make a determination on a preferred site for a new Fire Hall. The Council directed Vahlsing to begin the feasibility design stage, and to review financing options for the project. The Council would like him to continue to gather information on the Cemstone Plant/ Mattress Factory property. This site would be between Langford Avenue and Slee St. They also would like to keep options open for the Central Valley Co-op site if it clears environmental monitoring.

New Business**Sale of Fred's Marketplace Grocery Store**

Vahlsing updated the Authority Board on the status of Fred's Marketplace is being sold to the Wagner family. They operate a number of grocery stores in small towns in Southern Minnesota including Pine Island. They are hoping to take over the store by November 3. They plan on keeping the current manager and staff. The new store will be called Kenyon Market. Fred Braegelmann indicated that he would stay on the EDA Board through the end of his term in December, 2016.

VFW Donation

Motion Engel/ Braegelmann to approve \$500 donation toward Kenyon Veterans Memorial Park.
Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Motion (Braegelmann/Campbell) to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Mark R. Vahlsing, Executive Director

Dan Dummer, EDA President