

**CITY OF MAYER  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**

**Minutes  
July 29, 2014**

Members Present: Tim Duckworth, Scott Wakefield and Erick Boder.

Members Absent: Tice Stieve-McPadden and Thomas Stifter

Staff Present: Luayn Ruch-Hammond, City Administrator

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Duckworth at 6:35 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Boder to approve the agenda with two additions Budget and Edna Ernst Property. Motion carried 3/0.

**Approval of the Minutes**

On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Boder to approve the minutes with one correction to the date of the meeting. Motion carried 3/0.

**Discussion on the Creamery**

Commissioners discussed the options with the creamery marketing and selling it, demolition and then sale of just the land. They also discussed what they thought would be several options for the site: apartments, office building, recreation center for youth, community arts center and a community pavilion with apartments on the upper level.

Staff informed the Commission that the state had notified the City that the tank will have to be remediated on site instead of a removal this should be accomplished by the end of August.

On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Boder to recommend to the City Council that the creamery be marketed with the MN Craft Brewers Guild at the \$71,300. Motion carried 3/0.

On a motion by Commissioner Boder and seconded by Commissioner Wakefield to recommend to the City Council to request the Carver County Assessor re evaluate the market value of the creamery within six months. Motion carried 3/0.

On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Boder to have staff inquire with a developer about the feasibility of creating apartments in the creamery. Motion carried 3/0.

**Review of Booth at the Mayer Rising Community Festival**

Staff reported that ten businesses participated in the booth at the Mayer Rising Community Festival. Consensus was to have the booth next year.

**Discussion on Joint Park Board Meeting for August 19, 2014**

Park Board had requested a joint meeting to discuss the Mayer downtown. EDA would like the Park Board to have an objective and goals formulated to discuss at the meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Duckworth to table the request until the next meeting.

**Review of 2014 Goals**

Discussion around the goals that the EDA had established for 2014. The Commission would like staff to write a letter to the Dakota Regional Trail Authority requesting assistance in promoting our City. Also, to request that a blue sign be placed on highway 7 directing the traveling public to the trail head.

The Commission would like to add to the agenda a general discussion item to recap about businesses in the City at the meetings. This would assist the EDA in identifying any businesses that may need assistance or guidance from the EDA.

**2015 Budget**

City Council is requesting that 10% be cut from all budgets. The EDA has really always had a lean budget. On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Boder to cut the \$200 travel line item from the budget. Motion carried 3/0.

**Edna Ernst Property**

Edna Ernst owns the property directly west of the proposed round about. She would like to sell her property and is inquiring whether the EDA is interested. The Commission would like to discuss this with the Park Board.

**Other Business**

None

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be, October 28, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Wakefield and seconded by Commissioner Boder to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. Motion carried 3/0.