



Watertown Economic Development Authority

Ken Grotbo
Cory Mitteness
Roxanne Wilmes
Mike Walters
Lindsay Guetzkow

12/7/2021 - Minutes

1. Roll Call

EDA Chair Ken Grotbo called the Watertown Economic Development Authority meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. on December 7, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

EDA Members present: Grotbo, Cory Mitteness, Roxanne Wilmes, and Lindsay Guetzkow.

Staff present: City Administrator Jake Foster and Administrative Services Director Lynn Tschudi

2. Adopt Agenda

MITTENESS MOVED, GUETZKOW SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. New Business

Mayor Washburn approached the authority to let them know about some access issues into Tim Nesvold's property near Christ Community Lutheran School. Various developers looking at his property for residential housing projects have been stalled because Carver County is not allowing a second driveway access into the property. He asked the EDA to be supportive and ask Carver County for this second access.

3.A. Minutes From September 16, 2021

GUETZKOW MOVED, WILMES SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3.B. 2022 EDA Budget And Levy

Administrative Services Director Tschudi presented the final budget and levy to the EDA.

MITTENESS MOVED, WILMES SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY EDA BUDGET AND LEVY. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3.C. Amendment Of Resolution 2021-03EDA

MITTENESS MOVED, GUETZKOW SECONDED A MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION 2021-03EDA FOR A TOTAL SUBSIDY OF \$16,001.71. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3.D. Workshops Of Watertown Building B Utility Trunk Fee Subsidy

Mayor Washburn pleaded with the Authority to work with Rob Berg to complete his projects at the Workshops of Watertown. He stated staff has not been having a can-do attitude and being difficult to work with and there are City policy issues that need to be changed. Wilmes would like to hear directly from Rob Berg.

Rob Berg approached the EDA to voice his concerns with the obstacles of the project. He said he received a stop work order due to the incorrect silt fence used for erosion control. He said the City Engineer, Bolton & Menk, have been causing unnecessary issues with his project. Berg voiced his concerns about the City staff not being supported. He complained about MNSPECT as an inspector.

City Administrator Foster said the timing of the process of requesting the trunk fee credit should have had the meeting ahead of the permit application. Chair Ken Grotbo said the reason the entire project can't be approved ahead of time is because the EDA was not aware the second building was even being built. The EDA needs to approve each building in advance to plan for their budget.

Foster explained that the EDA initially approved a resolution for the 19,000 sq ft building so the original resolution needs to be amended prior to approving the second credit.

MITTENESS MOVED, WILMES SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-08EDA, APPROVING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE UTILITY TRUNK FEE WAIVER POLICY PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE OF \$24,002.57. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Updates

Tim Nesvold approached the EDA to walk them through a visual of his property to show the challenges he faces with connectivity. Mayor Washburn said he would like the EDA to work with him to get the County to help Nesvold develop this property for residential single-family homes. The EDA discussed the possible entrance off Highway 10.

Guetzkow suggested the EDA passing a resolution of support for the second access. Washburn said we all need to advocate and support this. Wilmes would like to hear more from CCLS on this matter before making any kind of support statement.

5. Adjourn

WILMES MOVED, GUETZKOW SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:45 AM. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

