

APRIL 15, 2015 WASHBURN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

4:00 P.M. Washburn Public Library – Book Bin Room

Members Present: Rick M. Geisen, John Baregi, Peter Bremner;
Taylor Pearson, Jon Wheeler

Members Absent: Christine Kelly; William D. Olson

Municipal Personnel Present: Mayor Scott Griffiths; City Administrator Scott J.
Kluver; Ken Cammilleri, Assistant City
Administrator

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Geisen in the Book Bin Room of the Library at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2015 – Baregi moved and Wheeler seconded to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion with Chamber of Commerce on Proposed Areas of Collaboration – Chamber President Jim Nowakowski provided a letter outlining some potential areas of collaboration, but he was not able to attend the meeting this month. The members reviewed his letter. The Committee requested to invite Mr. Nowakowski to the May meeting, and to receive more information on the Room Tax Commission.

Discussion and Action on City Land Sale List Review – Kluver reviewed the proposed changes to the land sale list with the members. The Committee had discussion on recent tax delinquent property off of Harbor View Drive. Geisen moved and Bremner seconded to recommend that the Council investigate acquiring the tax delinquent property northwest of the Steak Pit, adjacent to Harbor View Drive for potential development purposes. Discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and Action on Marketing of Property South of Omaha Street – The Council has referred the issue of marketing the property south of Omaha Street recently repurchased (approx. eight acres) to the WDA. The instructions from the Council are that they would like: (1) a report from any developer that feels the property is not attractive, and why; (2) complete the site analysis started by Council member Nowakowski; and (3) to be creative. Discussion occurred. The members would like to review the draft site analysis and also get information from the Comprehensive Plan, utility information, and any other relevant information on the site at the next meeting. Council member Nowakowski may be invited to a meeting after that.

Discussion of Mission/Goals of WDA – Information was provided to the membership based on the discussion at the last meeting. No action taken.

Future Agenda Item Topics – Habitat for Humanity update, Development Exploratory Ad-Hoc Committee update (Movin’ Out proposal), marketing the property south of Omaha Street, look for grants to assist with utility connections requirements, website content, and discussion with the Chamber of Commerce.

Adjourn – Baregi moved and Pearson seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. Kluver
Executive Director