



CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Council Chamber
519 Washington Ave
Monday, October 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order @ 4:01 p.m./Roll Call

Present: Joy Gaasch, Bob Monetza, Mike Fritz, Jim Bonamy, Brook Bisonet, Eric Schmidt, Tom Braciak, Bill VanLopik, Linda Weavers

Also Present: Emily Greene, Brian Urquhart and Ashley Latsch

Approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting.

Motion by VanLopik, second by Fritz, to accept the minutes of September 12, 2022. Motion carries.

Call to Audience

City Planner Brian Urquhart introduced himself.

Diesel Plant Update

Roman Wilson presented an update on the environmental due diligence process.

Wilson explained that EGLE has expressed an interest in funding a portion of the project, however it would be more beneficial to the developer if the application were through the County rather the City. He further explained that the incentive would be a loan if it were through the city because the City is considered a liable party. However, if the incentive is applied for through the County, it would be awarded as a grant.

Members inquired whether there was any risk or 'cons' to deferring to the County. Wilson explained that there wasn't; as the city would then be free of administrative staff functions that would be required.

Wilson expressed that the County EDC would be meeting later that same week, and upon approval, the request would then come before City Council with a local EDC recommendation.

Unicorn Tavern Update and Request

Joy Gaasch introduced Gary Boyd, owner of the Unicorn. Gaasch explained that Gary would be seeking a loan through the EDC for final expenses related to the development. Gaasch noted they did not receive the financials with adequate time for review, but that Brook and Elizabeth would review the financials prior to the next meeting for a recommendation.

Gary updated the commission on the progress he has made, noting a potential late November grand opening.

Hotel Update- Joy Gaasch

Gaasch update the commission on the hotel operators who were evaluating Grand Landing as a potential site. She explained that the developers were unable to reach consensus with the land owner and therefore would be looking elsewhere.

Motion by Braciak to adjourn at 5:05 p.m., second by VanLopik. Motion Carries.

Next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022