

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Friday, November 15, 2019
Regular Meeting

Item 1

Approval of Minutes for meeting of August 14, 2019

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CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
August 14, 2019

The meeting of the Economic Development Application Review Committee was held on August 14, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Present were committee members Jim Trumbull, Dennis Hadden, Marla Marx, Lee Glenn, and alternate Dave Schaff. Also in attendance on behalf of the City was Starr Lehl, City Economic Director, Liz Hilyard, City Finance Director, and Rick Ediger, Deputy City Attorney.

Chairman Trumbull called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was located on the south wall of the Council Chamber. There were no changes to the agenda. Since there are only four committee members present, alternate Schaff will be voting on all matters to be considered at this meeting.

It was moved by member Marx, and seconded by member Glenn that the minutes of the May 10, 2019 committee meeting be approved. Voting yes: Hadden, Schaff, Marx, Trumbull and Glenn. Voting no: None.

The next item on the agenda was an application made by Monument Inn. Present on behalf of Monument Inn was Shannon Brunner. Present on behalf of Old West Balloon Fest were Colleen Johnson and Hunter Kosman. This application is being made in order to assist the Old West Balloon Fest in connection with its hosting of the US National Hot Air Ballooning Championship. Old West Balloon Fest is not a Qualifying Business. However, the Monument Inn is engaged in the business of selling services interstate commerce and in that capacity, is a Qualifying Business. The Monument Inn was willing to submit an application in order to assist the Old West Balloon Fest.

Colleen Johnson indicated that Scottsbluff and the surrounding area was awarded the US National Hot Air Ballooning Championships for a 3-year period. 500 other cities submitted bids. As part of the contractual arrangement to host the Championships, the host organizations are required to provide lodging for all officials and balloon pilots. There are a total of 32 officials and 44 competition balloons participating. In addition, there are an additional 27 balloons participating over the weekend in the Old West Balloon Fest. The reason the Monument Inn was selected to house most of the pilots and officials is that all pilot meetings are being held at the Gering Civic Center and all pilots must be housed in proximity to the pilot meetings location.

After further discussion and questions being asked and answered, it was moved by Glenn and seconded by Hadden that the Committee recommend a grant to the Monument Inn, in order to pay for lodging for the US National Hot Air Ballooning Championships in an amount not to exceed \$28,280. This covers the 2019 Championships only, and any grants for future years will need to be considered separately. Voting yes: Hadden, Schaff, Marx, Trumbull and Glenn. Voting no: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Starr Lehl, Economic Development Director