

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Friday, February 21, 2020
Regular Meeting

Item 1

Approval of minutes for meeting of February 12, 2020

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CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
February 12, 2020

The meeting of the Economic Development Application Review Committee was held on February 12, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Present were committee members Dennis Hadden, Dave Schaff, Nate Merrigan, Jim Trumbull, and Marla Marx. Also in attendance on behalf of the City was Starr Lehl, City Economic Development Director, and Adam Hoesing, 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.

It was moved by member Schaff, and seconded by member Hadden that the minutes of the February 7, 2020 committee meeting be approved. Voting yes: Hadden, Schaff, Trumbull, Marx and Merrigan. Voting no: None.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation and discussion from Herb Gibson on behalf of Prime Metals, Inc. Economic Director Starr Lehl indicated that the committee had previously recommended assistance to the Applicant subject to approval of the terms and conditions of the Economic Development Assistance Agreement. Mr. Gibson was asked about whether the Applicant agreed with the draft Agreement that was presented to the committee. He stated that the Applicant did. Mr. Gibson updated the committee regarding the CDBG funding from the State of Nebraska, stating that the State of Nebraska expected 34 jobs to be created in the next 24 months. This update was a six month acceleration of what had previously been expected by the Applicant from the State of Nebraska. Discussion was had regarding location of the business and whether a smaller facility would need or would require shift work in order to accommodate larger numbers in employees. Mr. Gibson stated it would still accommodate the number of employees, and that the facility would not be a problem. Mr. Gibson also stated that a number of jobs would be open to persons with low to median income and that transfers of union journeymen would be kept at a minimum due to efficiency in economic purposes. In other words, Mr. Gibson stated that much of the labor force would be locally hired and trained. Economic Director Starr Lehl also stated she thought the community could provide a labor pool in the number required by the Applicant, and that the labor pool was a good fit for the communities in the area.

Thereafter, motion was made by member Hadden and seconded by member Schaff to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Applicant's financial information and real estate negotiations, which wanted to be discussed in more detail by the committee. Voting yes: Schaff, Merrigan, Marx, Trumbull and Hadden. Voting no: None. The committee then entered executive session at 8:09 a.m.

The committee then exited executive session at 8:16 a.m. Following executive session, motion was made by member Marx and seconded by member Schaff to approve the structure of

the Economic Development Assistance Agreement and recommend approval by the City Council. Voting yes: Marx, Schaff, Merrigan, Trumbull and Hadden. Voting no: None.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Starr Lehl, Economic Development Director