

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Regular Meeting

Item 1

for meeting of October 28, 2022

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CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
October 28, 2022

A meeting of the Economic Development Application Review Committee was advertised for October 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A quorum of the Committee was available.

Present at the meeting were Committee members Dennis Hadden, Marla Marks, Dave Schaff and Nate Merrigan. Also present were Kent Hadenfeldt, City Attorney, Sharaya Toof, Small Business Outreach/Public Relations Coordinator for the City, Zach Glaubius, Planning Administrator for the City, and Starr Lehl, Economic Development Director for the City. Member Nate Merrigan presided over the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02. Roll call was completed. Committee Member Merrigan pointed out the Open Meetings Act poster on the west wall of the meeting room.

There were no changes to the agenda.

There were no citizens with business other than what was on the agenda.

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes for the October 11, 2022 meeting. It was moved by Committee member Marks and seconded by Committee member Schaff to approve the minutes. Voting yes: Hadden, Marks, Merrigan and Schaff. Voting no: none.

The next order of business was the request by Prime Metals Products, Inc. for early release of funds. This would require an amendment of their current Economic Development Assistance Agreement. Herb Gibson, President of Prime Metal Products, Inc. was present to discuss the reasons for the early release of funds. The Economic Development Assistance Agreement currently states the City will provide an additional \$250,000.00 of funds on or after January 1, 2023. Mr. Gibson is asking that the funds be released earlier, and as early as possible. There was discussion between the Committee members as to the reasons for the early funding and Mr. Gibson explained the need for the current influx of cash. Committee member Schaff asked about the CDBG funding from the City of Gering. Mr. Gibson explained those funds would certainly help at this point, and all the paperwork has been submitted but they have not received word from the State and thus no funds have been provided. Motion was made by Committee member Hadden and seconded by Committee member Marks to amend the current Economic Development Assistance Agreement to reflect a request for funding on or after November 7, 2022 and recommend to the City Council to amend the Agreement and fund the final phase of the Economic Assistance Agreement. Voting yes: Hadden, Marks, Merrigan and Schaff. Voting no: None.

The next item on the agenda was the Application of Economic Development Assistance for Brandon Rajewich related to his purchase of Anderson-Shaw Construction. Mr. Rajewich was present and explained the need for the Economic Development Assistance. It would increase the bonding capacity and assist with cash flow, employee retention. The Committee asked questions of Mr. Rajewich who responded to each question. The Committee members questioned Economic

Development Director Lehl about the financial records for Anderson-Shaw Construction. After a conversation it was determined the Committee members did not have all of the financial information. A motion was made by Schaff to table the discussion and consideration of the Economic Development Assistance Agreement for Mr. Rajewich until all of the financial information has been reviewed by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Marks. Voting yes: Marks, Merrigan, Schaff, Hadden. Voting no: None.

The next item on the agenda were staff reports, Ms. Toof reported they have extended the time to purchase a brick for the plaza to December 16th. In addition, she discussed the formation of a Business Improvement District for East Overland which is in the beginning stages. Finally, during staff reports it was discussed when the next meeting of the Committee could be held to accommodate the Committee member's schedules. It was decided the next meeting will be held on November 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Following that discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Starr Lehl, Economic Development Director