



EDA Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 4, 2023 7:00 PM

Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Denise Schuft. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Diane Brown, Denise Schuft, Ricky Ybarra, Vic Schwartz, Mark Wentzlaff
Absent: Joe Kreger, Scott Vos
Staff Present: EDA Director Amy Soeffker, City Clerk Diane Hatlestad
Guests Present: Mark Miller
2. Approve/deny December 4, 2023 Agenda – Soeffker requested to add the extension of the contract with Realtor John Behnke. Motion by Brown to approve the amended December 4, 2023 agenda, seconded by Ybarra. Motion carried.
3. Approve/deny November 6, 2023 Minutes – Motion by Brown to approve the November 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried.
4. Bills & Communication: RLF Balance \$10,476.89
5. Monthly Reports/Updates:
 - a. Mayor's Report - none
 - b. Council Liaison Report:
 - c. Mark Wentzlaff – new compost site it up and the old one is shut down.
 - d. Diane Brown (parks) - none
6. Old Business
 - A) Update on Tax Abatement for 34.0158.090 (JIT Property)
 - Abatement Agreement – Motion by Wentzlaff to approve the amended tax abatement agreement, seconded by Ybarra. Motion carried. Abatement agreement moves on to Council.
 - B) Update on GICS Bond – Update from Schuft on meeting with Todd Ehlers regarding the GICS bond. The school plans to do some fundraising and needs to work with the

bank regarding payment of the bond. No current plans to refinance/restructure the bond.

C) Comprehensive Plan - Soeffker provided an update on the last comprehensive planning meeting.

D) 2024 Goals

1. Advertise more
2. What to do for existing businesses
3. Help GICS with grants and fundraising
4. Quarterly updates from GICS
5. Continue concert series and apply for grant
6. Star City USA
7. **Sell industrial Park lots**

7. New Business

A) John Behnke contract – contract is up in December of 2023. Request by Behnke for a 2-year extension. Motion by Wentzlaff to approve a 1-year extension, seconded by Ybarra. Motion carried. Invite John in January to talk about a marketing strategy.

8. P&Z Update - none

10. Board and Director Comments - none

11. Adjournment – Motion by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm, seconded by Ybarra. Motion carried.

EDA Director Amy Soeffker

EDA President Denise Schuft