



EDA Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2025 7:00 PM

Green Isle City Hall

*** Photos for website taken before start of meeting.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Soeffker called the meeting to order at 7pm. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Hunter Pederson, Sam LaRose, Mark Wentzlaff, Vic Schwartz, Shane Sheets – ex-officio

Staff Present: EDA Director Amy Soeffker, City Clerk Diane Hatlestad

Guests Present: Shawn Anderson, Jordan Radtke, Jay Bartels, Joe Kreger

Swearing in of Hunter Pederson and Sam Larose

2. Election of Officers
 - i. President – Motion by Wentzlaff to elect Hunter Pederson, seconded by LaRose. Motion carried.
 - I. Vice President – Motion by Vic Schwartz to elect Mark Wentzlaff as Vice Chair, seconded by Wentzlaff. Motion carried.
 - II. Secretary – Motion by Schwartz to elect Amy Soeffker as Secretary, seconded by Wentzlaff. Motion carried.
3. Approve/deny February 3, 2025 agenda – motion by Wentzlaff, seconded by Pederson to approve the agenda **with additions**. Motion carried.
4. Approve/deny December 3, 2024 minutes – Motion by Wentzlaff to approve the December minutes, seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried.
5. Bills & Communication: RLF Balance \$ [19,321.09](#)
6. Monthly Reports/Updates:

- a. Mayor's Report (discussion on 7 members on EDA)- Sheets reported that he is looking to add a few more to the EDA Board to bring the number up to seven.
- b. Council Liaisons Report: none

7. Old Business

- A) **GI Refrigerated Warehouse update** – Jordan Radtke provided background information to the new Board members and an update on the project to the Board. Building will be 80,000 sq. ft. initially, hoping to add 40-45,000 sq. ft. more later. He stated they have a bid from Vos Construction, but the bank is requesting three bids for the project.
- B) Hand out copies of Comprehensive Plan
- C) Review of 2025 Goals
 - Advertise more
 - What to do for existing businesses
 - Continue concert series and apply for grant
 - Sell industrial Park lots
 - Actively incorporate the comp plan
 - Research options for historic buildings

8. New Business

- A) **Wide Open Marine** – The owner of Wide Open Marine currently has a business in Arlington, but is looking for more space. Looking to add two employees. Boats will be stored outside. Owner is to come to the next meeting with a business plan.
- B) Review of Baseball Park Appraisal – Baseball park appraisal came in at \$215,000. Waiting for the bank to complete their appraisal for a meeting. Still planning on Deed in lieu of Foreclosure

9. P&Z Update

- Schedule joint meeting – Plan for a joint meeting in April.

10. Board and Director Comments – Wentzlaff provided an update on RS Fiber. Mark Erickson is the chairman for the cooperative. Each city will be billed for the bankruptcy attorney. Wentzlaff reported that HPC and another company have expressed interest. Still need to figure out the value of the business because nobody seems to know.

11. Adjournment- Motion by Schwartz to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm, seconded by Wentzlaff. Motion carried.

EDA Director Amy Soeffker

EDA President Hunter Pederson