



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes - Final

Blaine City Hall
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EDA

The purpose of the Blaine Economic Development Authority is to increase the City's commercial/industrial tax base, provide employment opportunities, undertake redevelopment to enhance and maintain neighborhood economic stability, and address special needs, such as senior housing. As authorized under Minnesota State statutes, the Blaine City Council also serves as the Blaine Economic Development Authority.

Monday, May 20, 2019

7:20 PM

Council Chambers

1 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Ryan followed by the Roll Call.

2 **Roll Call**

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Clark Arneson; Planning and Community Development Director Bryan Schafer; Public Works Director Jon Haukaas; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Brian Podany; Finance Director Joe Huss; Economic Development Coordinator Erik Thorvig; Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Bob Therres; City Engineer Dan Schluender; Senior Engineering Technician Jason Sundeen; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

Present: 8 - Executive Director Arneson, President Ryan, Commissioner Swanson, Commissioner Jeppson, Commissioner Garvais, Commissioner Robertson, Commissioner Paul, and Commissioner Hovland

3 **Minutes**

3-1 **[MIN 19-19](#)**

MARCH 7, 2019 EDA MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, that the Minutes of March 7, 2019, be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

4 **New Business**

4-1 **[EDA RES 19-03](#)**

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES AT 2111 105TH AVENUE NE

Economic Development Coordinator Thorvig stated in 2017, the Blaine Economic Development Authority purchased 10525 Nassau St. and 2111 105th Avenue

from Arkad Corporation. The properties are located in a redevelopment area identified in the 2030 and 2040 Comprehensive Plans. The building at 10525 Nassau St. was demolished in 2018. Arkad Corporation leased the building at 2111 105th Avenue from the Blaine EDA and the lease expires on May 31, 2019. Staff received two bids for demolition services for the building at 2111 105th Avenue from Sauter and Sons and Nitti Roll-off. Staff reviewed the bid tabulations with the EDA.

Economic Development Coordinator Thorvig explained staff recommends accepting the bid from Sauter and Sons with the bid alternate. When the building at 10525 Nassau Street was demolished a hard surface drive-way was left in place to provide access for Arkad Corporation to the building they are leasing. Therefore, there is a significant amount of hard surface that exists between the two properties. Staff requested contractors to provide a base bid that removed the hard surface along Nassau St. and 105th Avenue and kept the hard surface that is interior to the site (see attached map titled Base Bid Hard Surface Removal). The bid alternate removes all hard surfaces (see attached map titled Bid Alternate Hard Surface Removal). Staff believes removing all hard surfaces will provide a better site appearance and make the properties more shovel ready as staff markets the properties for redevelopment. The project schedule requires the building and site restoration work to be completed by Friday, June 21. The ideal redevelopment vision would be to develop commercial/office/retail uses that are similar to what is within the Town Square development near City Hall.

Moved by Commissioner Hovland, seconded by President Ryan, that Resolution No. 19-03, "Approval of Contract for Demolition Services at 2111 105th Avenue NE," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 7 - President Ryan Commissioner Swanson Commissioner Jeppson
Commissioner Garvais Commissioner Robertson Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Hovland

Abstain 1 - Arneson

5 Other Business

None.

None.

6 Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Jeppson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 7 - President Ryan Commissioner Swanson Commissioner Jeppson
Commissioner Garvais Commissioner Robertson Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Hovland

Abstain 1 - Arneson