

SPECIAL JOINT ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL & EDA
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2009

The Special Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kreft.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kreft, Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan
Council Members Absent: Griep

The EDA Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lundstrom. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Seneca Project.

EDA Members Present: Chairman Lundstrom, Mike Noack, Larry Sorenson, Dave Krueger, Councilmember Vrklan, Councilmember Pederson
EDA Members Absent: Mike Feterl

Also Present: City Administrator Jaunich, EDA Director Schultz, Bruce Pinske of Seneca Foods, Finance Director Sweeney

Bruce Pinske talked about the proposed expansion project (can manufacturing facility) for Seneca Foods. He stated that Seneca Foods is asking the City of Arlington to finance (bond or operating lease) for said project. Pinske explained that Seneca is considering Arlington or a city in Wisconsin for the proposed facility, but if Arlington would finance the project they would get the facility. It was noted that 15-20 full-time jobs would be created and it would be good for both Seneca Foods and the Arlington community. Pinske explained where the project would be located.

Finance Director Sweeney talked in detail about what financing options were available to the city for such a project. It was noted that this would be a risk for the city and would affect future bonding projects because of the debt per capita ratio.

Considerable discussion was held on the future of Seneca Foods. There was some discussion on the role of the EDA and Council with the entire project. The general feeling of the group was that this proposed expansion would be good for Arlington.

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Krueger, and passed by unanimous vote to authorize Finance Director Sweeney to work with Seneca Foods regarding their financial information and putting a plan together.

Motion by Noack, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote to recommend to the City Council to support the Seneca Foods expansion project 100%.

There was some discussion about obtaining support from the County, DEED, and Region 9 for this project as well.

Motion by Noack, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the EDA meeting.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the Special Council meeting at 8:17 pm.

City Council:

EDA:

Mayor James Kreft

President Mark Lundstrom

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

EDA Director Denny Schultz