



Economic Development Authority

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes.
  - A. June 25, 2013
5. Approval of Financial Reports.
  - A. June 2013
6. Old Business.
  - A. None
7. New Business.
  - A. SEDCO Dues
  - B. Cobblestone Hotel
  - C. Conceptual Use of Tax Increment Financing/Abatement: Scott Equipment
  - D. Business Visits: Hutchinson Co-Op & TSE Administration
8. Board Announcements.
9. Adjourn

THERE MAY BE A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR APPOINTED COMMITTEES AT THIS MEETING  
NO OFFICIAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MEETING BY ANY ENTITY OTHER THAN THE ARLINGTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



**MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 23, 2013 @ 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by President Lundstrom at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Bergersen, President Lundstrom, Thomes, Councilmember Nuesse,  
Councilmember Ruehling  
Member Absent: Kloeckl, Sorenson  
Also Present: Director Smith-Strack

Motion by Ruehling, seconded by Bergersen, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Bergersen, seconded by Thomes, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented.

The June Financial Report was reviewed.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Nuesse, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the June Financial Report as presented.

A request from SEDCO was reviewed pertaining to the 2013 dues in the amount of \$2,233 (\$1 per capita). Thomes commented that there has been some talk of eliminating this next year, as it is really a small (about a 10%) portion of SEDCO's overall budget. He believes that there will be improvements within SEDCO overall with the recent changes in leadership.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Lundstrom, and passed by unanimous vote to recommend to the City Council to pay the 2013 SEDCO dues in the amount of \$2,233.

Director Smith-Strack commented that she had met with a representative from BriMark Construction, a sister company to Cobblestone Hotels regarding the EDA's property slated for hotel/motel development. She had given him a copy of the hotel study that had been done a few years ago to review. It was noted that the study needed to be updated and could cost approximately \$5,000-7,500 to do so. It was commented that Arlington could benefit from having a 20-30 unit hotel/motel. Smith-Strack will invite the representative to the August meeting to hear what they can offer Arlington.

Smith-Strack explained that she, along with Mayor Kreft, City Adm. Donabauer and EDA V. Pres. Thomes met with the Lucas' from Scott Equipment recently about business retention/expansion. She stated that during that meeting they were informed that the Lucas' wish

to expand their facilities in Arlington, as their New Prague facilities are land-locked and their business is growing and needs more production space. The Lucas' were looking to purchase a portion or possibly all of the remaining lots in the existing industrial park; however the cost per acre was an issue. Smith-Strack stated that tax increment financing and/or abatement could be used as an incentive to assist them with moving the project forward if necessary. Considerable discussion was held.

Smith-Strack stated that business visits had been set up with Hutchinson Co-Op and TSE Adm. Lundstrom would represent the EDA at the Hutch Co-Op visit and Thomes would attend the TSE visit.

Thomes reminded those present about the August 20<sup>th</sup> SEDCO meeting with Region 9 and Greater Minneapolis-St.Paul Development Committee.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Nuesse, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.

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President Mark Lundstrom

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Director, Cynthia Smith-Strack