

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, OCTOBER 25, 2011 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers**

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes.
  - A. September 27, 2011
4. Approval of Financial Reports.
  - A. October, 2011
5. Guest.
  - A. Bill Pinske, Purchase Option Discussion.
6. New Business.
  - A. DEED Redevelopment Grant Workshop (M. Lundstrom Report)
7. Old Business.
  - A. EDA Property Farm Lease.
8. Board Announcements.
9. Adjourn



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

Members Present: Lundstrom, Nuesse, Sorenson, Thomes, Councilmember Pichelmann,  
Councilmember Ruehling

Member Absent: Krueger

Also Present: EDA Director Smith-Strack, Bill Pinske

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

Motion by Ruehling, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented.

The September Financial Report was reviewed.

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

Discussion continued from previous meetings regarding developing purchase options on various properties in and/or adjacent to city limits. Bill Pinske commented that he had been asked to research the Warren Dressen (f/k/a Mid-County Co-Op) property located at the intersection of Hwy 5 and County Road 12. He commented that there are 6.65 acres with a portion of that being roads. Per courthouse records the property sold for \$45,000 in 1998 and Dressen paid \$131,000 in 2010, who now wants \$250,000.

Pinske gave a brief update on the Doehling (formerly Rosenfeld farm southwest of city limits) property. He has not had a chance to meet with Paul Doehling yet, but intends to about a purchase option for a 20-acre parcel. Pinske commented on possible questions that Doehling might ask such as: who would be responsible for paying for survey/platting costs; would there be sewer/water assessments, would the driveway have to be moved, would the entire farm be annexed. Sorenson expressed concern about only having a year option; he would like to see at least a 2-year (or longer) option. Smith-Strack suggested having Avery Grochow (surveyor) and Darin Mielke (Wetland Delineator) look at the property for wetland purposes and also to give consideration as to how the property could be split into different 20 acre parcels for the EDA to consider. Thomes suggested a purchase option for a 20 acre parcel (strip) adjacent to the entire length of the railroad.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote to contact Avery Grochow (surveyor) to draw out a 20-acre (strip) parcel adjacent to the railroad (from County Road 9 to the property line to the north along Hwy 5) on the Doehling property. Pinske will speak with Grochow on this and report back to Director Smith-Strack.

Lundstrom talked about the DEED Redevelopment Grant Workshop that he attended. He stated this would be something the City/EDA could utilize in the future, but it would need to have a project or a plan in place otherwise the likeliness of funding wasn't very good. He added that something DEED was looking into, but not yet available, was a loan program for cleaning up a site for which there were no immediate plans of what to do with it once it was cleaned up.

Lundstrom commented that the EDA Property Farm Lease is due to expire at the end of this year. He stated that the options were either to renew the existing lease or put it out for bids.

Motion by Thomes, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote to offer the EDA Property Farm Lease to the current tenant for \$250 per acre (\$4,500 year) and if he declines, then put it out for bids.

It was noted that the next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm.

Motion by Ruehling, seconded by Nuesse, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm.

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President Mark Lundstrom

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Director, Cynthia Smith-Strack