

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2023

EDC President Bob Forster called the meeting to order Thursday November 9, 2023 at 6 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at the meeting were President--Robert Forster, Vice-President Tammy Dubbels, Secretary Suzette Arndt, Dolores Mueller, Linda Blonn, and Phil Anderson.

EDC meeting minutes from October 12, 2023 were reviewed and Bob Forster entertained a motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Tammy Dubbels so moved; Linda Blonn seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Suzette Arndt submitted a bid from South and Jefferson a company out of Hebron, to take care of changing the banners in town. For him to change out the banners on the 12 poles on Mainstreet in town a total of 5 changes at the cost of \$30 a pole for a total of \$1800 for the year.

His company also does Christmas decorations for different towns. He did Winfield and is also decorating Valparaiso. He can decorate the Town of Kouts tree located at Pennsy Park. The first year is more costly with the purchase of the lights. They are commercial and carry a 3-year warranty. He will put them up and take them down. The town will store the lights.

To include a 3 ft Star on the top of the tree is something that the town would lease every year, as well as the lights for the top of Town Hall. The first year the cost will be \$5075 which would include the purchase of the lights, the next year the cost would come down and be \$2425. There is also the option of decorating the town poles next year.

Tammy Dubbels pulled up our funds. We have \$21,000 in our Capital outlay; for the end of the year before the South and Jefferson proposal, so the funds are available if we choose to use his company.

Phil Anderson made a motion to accept South and Jefferson for the amount of \$7480 for the banner changes and the Christmas tree lights and star, Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Mtg adjourned 6:27 pm

President Robert Forster

Vice-President Tammy Dubbels

Secretary Suzette Arndt

Linda Blonn

Dolores Mueller

Phil Anderson