



Reedsburg Industrial Development Commission

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The Reedsburg Industrial & Commercial Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Lichte at 12:00pm at Marty's Steakhouse on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

Present: Chairman Don Lichte, Alderperson Dave Knudsen, Alderperson Bill Finnegan, Evelyn Skinner Dave Sorenson, & Roger Friede Sr.
Absent: Blaine Albert
Others: Ken Witt, Steve Zibell, Brian Duvalle, Jeff Seering, Tommy Lee Bychinski, Kurt Muchow, Steve Blakeslee, Roger Friede Jr. & Tom Seamonson

Discuss proposed decommission of the Reedsburg Industrial Commission.

Lichte asked what prompted this proposal. Witt stated there are three reasons: overlap with the CDA, make development more staff driven, and allow the Council to have more control. Lichte asked why it was discussed in closed session. Witt stated that it has been discussed in open meetings during the branding sessions and goal-setting session. Skinner stated that she has served on both the RICDC and CDA and they have different roles. She added that there are more business people on the RICDC. Sorenson stated that his strip mall needed the RICDC and Vierbicher for grants and other aspects, otherwise it may not have been built. Seamonson stated that alders and administrators can change every few years. Blakeslee stated that he agrees with Seamonson and that RICDC members have experience. Friede Jr. stated that he sits on the SCDC Board and the RICDC is looked on favorably. He would like to see it continue and would be open to tweaking it. Friede Sr. stated that commercial development was also added to them a few years ago. Muchow stated that City Hall used to have a community development program and is concerned that the parties may not work together in the future.

Moved by Skinner and seconded by Friede to oppose the elimination of the RICDC.
Motion carried 4-0, 2 abstain (Finnegan, Knudsen).

Discuss Korth Transfer progress.

Lichte stated that they hope to break ground this month. They recently had a final meeting with Friede.

Discuss Sharrett Warehousing progress.

Lichte stated that although it will be three years in August, they are still interested. They are awaiting tax credits and other financing.

Update on other business prospects.

Lichte indicated that there is a meeting today with a senior apartment / memory care proposal. He noted the WSP addition and working with the school district to help find dependable workers.

Moved by Sorenson and seconded by Skinner to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvalle
Planner/Building Inspector