



# 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, December 17, 2014.

Present: Chair Don Lichte, Alder Dave Knudsen, Alder Bill Finnegan, Evelyn Skinner, Dave Sorenson & Roger Friede Sr.

Absent: Blaine Albert

Others: Ken Witt, Brian Duvall, Brett Schuppner, Roger Friede Jr, Marty Krueger & Kurt Muchow; Press

Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Friede to approve the 9/17/14 minutes.

Motion carried.

## **Consider recommendation of Development Agreement with Curtin Roofing on sale of 901 S Dewey Ave**

Lichte stated that Parks Committee has agreed on a \$112K purchase price and that Curtin hopes to start construction on the new lot in the spring. Knudsen had several concerns with the agreement including no liability insurance, no guarantees against hazards or damage, and it being an obsolete form. Muchow added that the main concern with the agreement should be the financial deal, whether it's acceptable or not. Discussion was held that the form could be reviewed and updated for future agreements.

Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Skinner to recommend approval of the agreement to Council.

Motion carried.

## **Consider recommendation of Reedsburg's membership in Sauk County Development Corporation**

Roger Friede Jr, SCDC President, stated that they are aggressively working on visioning and team building, they meet every two weeks, that a County model is best for economic development, and that there is less business migration so they are instead focusing on nurturing existing businesses and attracting talent.

County Board Chair Marty Krueger stated that the County has control over resources that a community may not (e.g. highways) and that they are focusing on placemaking. Placemaking involves having a thousand things to do to attract talent, which the County as a whole has and which a single community does not have.

Lichte asked why there should be two economic development groups. Skinner stated they should maintain membership for one more year to see proposed improvements. Knudsen stated concerns about the budget and no return on investment, but is also willing to go another year to see improvements. Muchow stated that they should look forward and conduct strategic planning, as well as hire an executive director.

Motion by Skinner and seconded by Friede to recommend approval for another year of membership.

Motion carried.

**Update on Casa de Oakes**

Lichte stated that they are waiting on SBA approval and should be starting in the spring.

**Update on Seats parking lot and building**

Lichte stated that Seats has a new parking lot in the Industrial Park and a storage unit on N Dewey.

**Update on Korth Transfer**

Lichte stated that work continues and the roof is on.

**Update on Sharratt Warehouse**

Lichte stated that this proposal is now over three years. Financing has been a problem and may try leasing a building instead.

Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Finnegan to adjourn at 12:49pm.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Duvall  
Planner/Building Inspector