

**Brainerd, MN
March 8, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Joint Meeting with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the Workshop of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Council President Bevans.

Upon roll call, the following council members were noted present: Stenglein, Erickson, O'Day, Stunek, Johnson, Pritschet, and Bevans. Mayor Badeaux was also noted as present.

The following were noted as present: City Administrator Bergman, Community Development Director Chanski, HRA Director Charpentier, BLAEDC Director Glynn, and EDA members Kirsch, Bieser, and Erickson. Attending the meeting remotely were: Acting Police Chief Bestul, Fire Chief Holmes, City Engineer Sandy, and Finance Director Hillman.

Approval of the Agenda – Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN PRITSCHET AND CHARPENTIER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

EDA and City Council Discussion

Community Development Director Chanski gave a brief explanation of the role of the EDA and the Council in achieving the economic development goals for the City. He distributed copies of a slideshow that was presented at an April 2019 EDA meeting by City Attorney Langel, which defined and summarized the powers and duties of the EDA. He indicated the December 2020 EDA budget was distributed, as well as a section from the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion took place and ideas were shared.

Community Development Director Chanski stated the main purpose of this meeting is to determine the role of the EDA and the role of the Council when it comes to economic development. The Council decided the EDA should do as much of the economic development background work as they are able to, with recommendations to be brought to the Council for consideration. The EDA felt that their role would be advisory.

Discussion on the Sesquicentennial

City Administrator Bergman announced this year is the 150th birthday for the City of Brainerd. She said the history group has started discussing event planning. Mayor Badeaux and Mary Devine Johnson from Visit Brainerd have been working on some events including a logo and a press release. Community partners such as Brainerd Community Action, the Jaycees, the history group, the Chamber and Visit Brainerd have also been working on events. The City has been asked if there would be interest in taking the lead on the sesquicentennial. City Administrator Bergman asked what the role of the City should be in the sesquicentennial regarding planning and level of financial support.

Mayor Badeaux gave a brief history about the start of Brainerd and stated City involvement in these events would be beneficial to the celebration. City Administrator Bergman

indicated a Marketing Intern will be hired this summer and may be able to assist Mayor Badeaux and Ms. Johnson in the celebration planning. Council member Stenglein volunteered to be a liaison for the event planning.

Council member Bevans questioned where potential funding could be allocated from. Finance Director Hillman stated there is \$28,000 in the special projects fund and gave a summary of the funding activity. The Council discussed that funds could be available but would like to see specific requests come to the Council.

Wage Grid Pay System Presentation

HR Director Schubert gave a review of the old Legacy pay plan, as well as the wage grid pay system that the City has utilized for the past three years. She addressed several of the glitches that have occurred through the process.

Council discussion took place and questions answered.

Council directed staff to work with the Personnel & Finance Committee on the glitches with the program for potential solutions.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Jennifer Bergman
City Administrator