

Minutes of Regular Meeting

St. James Economic Development Authority | March 14th, 2023 | St. James City Hall

Present: Dean Olsen, Paul Harris, Steve Jeppson, Ex-officio Scott Westman, Mark Collier, Mark Johnson, Sue Craig;

Absent: Mark Collier

Staff: Jon Wilson, Brianna Sanders, Tammy Stevens, Amanda Glass

Other: Lisa Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm on March 14, 2023. There were no additions to the agenda.

Motion by Johnson, second by Harris: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2023. MC.

Motion by Harris, second by D. Olsen: To approve the financial report. MC.

City Staff presented the community survey results. It was pointed out that the community identified housing, industrial and commercial development as priorities for the future of St. James. These are the priorities of the EDA for 2023.

It was requested that City Staff present information on the proposed campground at the next board meeting. This presentation would include the proposed map for the parcel as well as the cost estimate for the campsites and the storm shelter.

Sanders presented on a business development trip to be taken to Denmark at the end of March. This business development would expand on the work of the Climate Smart Communities group and would also create jobs. It was stated that the board is favorable to sustainable development especially if it creates jobs. There was a question about whether development should be done with a solar panel field and/or a solar manufacturing company. City staff plans to look into both of these opportunities.

It was announced that there will not be a regularly scheduled meeting in May. It was also announced that City Staff is working towards paperless options for the EDA board and anticipates that this will be affect at the June meeting.

It was mentioned that there will be another Climate Smart Communities meeting for anyone to attend that is interested in green energy or sustainability efforts.

Motion by Craig, second by Harris: To adjourn the meeting at 12:45pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Sanders
Economic Development Director