

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BIG LAKE AND BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OCTOBER 7, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danielowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Mayor Raeanne Danielowski, Dick Backlund, and Nick Christenson. Council Members absent: Seth Hansen, and Mike Wallen.

Town Board Supervisors present: Chair Bob Hofer, Larry Alfords, Bruce Aubol, and Steve Pflgebraar. Supervisor absent: Norm Leslie

City staff present: City Administrator Todd Bodem, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Finance Director Jessica Green, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, and Police Chief Joel Scharf. Township staff present: Treasurer Ken Warneke and Deputy Clerk LaDonna Braun.

3. ADOPT PROPOSED AGENDA

Supervisor Alfords motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Backlund, unanimous ayes, Agenda adopted.

4. BUSINESS

4A. Cost Sharing Discussion

Todd Bodem reviewed City and Township jointly held property located within the Big Lake City limits. Bodem also reviewed past joint agreements from 1992, 1997, and 2007, and noted that the joint partnerships were established in an effort to bring more commercial/retail businesses into the community. Jessica Green asked if the Township would be willing to consider sharing costs for economic development activities similar to when the Township partially covered the cost for an additional EDA position in 2000. Ken Warneke reviewed the history of the cost sharing agreements between the Township and the City. Larry Alfords reviewed the infrastructure improvements completed at the BLIPE Phase II site explaining that the Township wasn't interested in constructing the entire road, but that the City wanted to run sewer lines to a potential residential development that never did build out. Both Boards agreed that we are fully invested in these joint projects and that

we just need to manage our way through this tough economic time until land sales start to occur. The Boards agreed that staff time needs to be tracked and each entity should pay their fair share.

Discussion was held on Policing costs incurred by the City to provide law enforcement services in the joint areas. Warneke explained that the City used to bill the Township for policing these areas, but that they hadn't received an invoice from the City since 2009. Joel Scharf reviewed calls for service records dating back to 2009 and noted that the Township has recently been sent an invoice for these delayed billings. Township Supervisors recognized that they are 50/50 responsible for policing of these areas and will continue to pay for this service upon review of submitted invoices.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Hofer motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Backlund, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck
City Clerk

10/23/13
Date Approved by the City Council