



**Meeting of the Economic Development
Authority
Held at the Elk River City Hall
Monday, October 20, 2025**

Members Present: President Matt Westgaard, Councilmember Mike Beyer, Councilmember Cory Grupa, Councilmember Jennifer Wagner, Commissioner Jeff Hartwig, Councilmember J. Brian Calva, Commissioner Charlie Blesener (arrived at 5:33 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Economic Development Specialist Joshua Mollan, Records Specialist Dawn Robertson, and Recording Secretary Jolene Richter

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m..
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **CONSIDER AGENDA**
Commissioner J. Brian Calva and seconded by Commissioner Cory Grupa to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 6-0.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Moved by Commissioner Mike Beyer and seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Wagner to approve the following consent items as outlined in their respective staff reports. Motion Carried 6-0.
 - 4.1 DRAFT Minutes - September 15, 2025
 - 4.2 Check Register
 - 4.3 Balance Sheet
 - 4.4 Revenue/Expenditure Reports
5. **OPEN FORUM**
No one appeared for open forum.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Beautification Award Recommendation

The staff report was presented.

The committee recommends the Elk River Area Chamber for the 2025 Beautification Award.

Moved by Commissioner J. Brian Calva and seconded by Commissioner Mike Beyer to approve the 2025 Beautification Award winner as recommended by the Beautification and Public Art Committee. Motion Carried 7-0.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Mollan provided the following updates:

- The Cool Jobs Tours is this Thursday, October 23, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They will be touring Sportech, Alliance Machine, Timron, and Metal Craft. Both Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Mollan will attend to assist with the tour.
- The Garden Gem Awards: all 4 have been awarded. They made the front cover of the Star News. They are also working on a subpage on the Economic Development website for photos. They went with an engraved 9" garden stone for the winners.
- The Development Minute for J and J has been posted. They also just made one for Timron, so that will be out soon, and then MC's Pub will be next.
- Open for Business Reels: They just completed the Chamber, so that will be out soon, then they will go out to Pickle Paradise and Price Homes.
- The first week in November, Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Mollan will attend the MN Realtors Expo in Minneapolis.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Jennifer Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Mike Beyer to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried 7-0.

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m. President Westgaard called the closed meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

10. CLOSED MEETING - PID #75-00757-0105 - 17610 TYLER ST. NW

Commissioners Present: President Westgaard, Commissioners Grupa, Hartwig, Calva, Westgaard, Beyer, Wagner, and Blesener

Staff Present: Economic Development Specialist Josh Mollan, Records Specialist Dawn Robertson, and Recording Secretary Jolene Richter

Others Present: Ryan Hardin, Hardin Companies

President Westgaard read the following statement:

10.1 Statement to be read by the Chair:

"The Economic Development Authority will be closing the meeting pursuant to MN Statute Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(c)(1) to consider offers or counteroffers relating to the sale of PID 75-00757-0105, 17610 Tyler ST. NW."

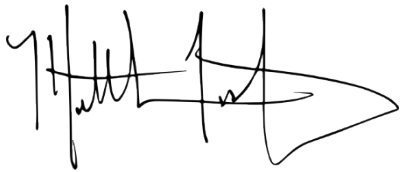
10.2 Hold Closed Meeting

10.3 Motion to Adjourn Closed Meeting

Moved by Commissioner J. Brian Calva and seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Wagner to adjourn the meeting. Motion 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 05:56 PM

Minutes prepared by Jolene Richter.



Matt Westgaard, EDA President



Tina Allard, City Clerk