

**Barnesville City Council
Special Meeting
April 28, 2008**

Mayor Dahnke called this special meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Present were Mayor Dahnke and Council members Larry Davis, Jr., Chad Hagen, Del Ellefson, Jeremy Krause, Merlin Strom and Roger Cooper. Others in attendance were COO Mike Brethorst, City Attorney John Shockley, EDA Director Karen Lauer, City Clerk Jeri Reep, and Pam Aakre from the Record Review.

Mayor Dahnke stated the only item on the agenda was the Economic Development Incentives-Barnesville Commercial Park. Mayor Dahnke stated that the other item on the agenda has been removed from the agenda, and that there would be no discussion on the Lass property-drainage ditch at this time.

Mayor Dahnke next called on EDA Director Karen Lauer. Mrs. Lauer discussed with council members the manufacturing company that she has been working with for the Commercial Park. Mrs. Lauer stated that this company presently is doing business in Minnesota, and would like to relocate closer to the interstate. Mrs. Lauer stated that this company presently employs 15 full time employees. Mrs. Lauer stated that the EDA believes this business would be a good match for the available lot. Of the Specials, 66% date back to 1998, when the Commercial Park was built. The City did not bond for that project, but paid cash. The remaining specials are for the 2002 trunk storm sewer project and the retention pond. The amount of bonded specials for Parcel A is \$15,076, Parcel B bonded specials are \$11,307, and for Parcel C the bonded specials are \$11,307. The EDA recommends giving the interested company the choice of the entire Parcel A or Parcel B with no-cost option on Parcel C. Offer 9 years of Tax Increment Financing, offer \$100,000 of Revolving Loan Fund monies to the company at 3% for 15 years, offer a cash relocation payment of \$2,000 per employee, maximum of \$30,000 from EDC Funds, and offer 5 free residential lots to employees interested in building a home in Barnesville.

04-28-08-01 Motion by Mr. Ellefson and second by Mr. Davis to allow staff to proceed with the proposal as outlined by EDA Director Karen Lauer for the manufacturing company interested in relocating to Barnesville. Motion carried.

04-28-08-02 Motion by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Ellefson to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jeri L. Reep
City Clerk

Attest:

Fred Dahnke
Mayor

