

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE ADRIAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE ADRIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Wiese at 7:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following present:

Mayor/Councilmember's: Robert Wiese, Don Shorter, Ron Lonneman, and Dennis W. Kruger

Absent: Dean Von Holtum

Dept. Heads: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bruce A. Heitkamp

Guests: Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation's (WREDC) Abraham Algadi, Nobles County Commissioner Marvin Zylstra, Nobles County Commissioner Donald Linssen, Nobles County Administrator Tom Johnson, Lismore Resident Bruce McCann, Lismore Clerk Kate McCann, Rushmore City Councilmember Carol Hieronimus, Rushmore Councilmember Shirley Vis, Adrian H.R.A. Commissioner Steve Kellen, Adrian Public Utilities Commission President David Edwards, Adrian School District Superintendent Roger Graf, & Cox Realty's Alan Cox

NOBLES HOME INITIATIVE: Prior to calling the Special Meeting to order, Algadi explained the Nobles Home Initiative (Initiative) and how it would positively impact Nobles County Communities. Algadi explained the Worthington Housing Study that illustrated a need for five hundred (500) new housing units by the 2020. That amount of housing is nearly impossible to complete in Worthington, alone. Algadi explained that other communities in Nobles County are being asked to pass the Initiative; and the tax abatement tool within it. Algadi then went through an example of how the Initiative would be used. Tax abatement was compared with Tax Increment Financing. It was explained that Tax Increment Financing could also be used; if needed.

Johnson stated the Initiative has already been passed by: the Nobles County Commissioners, the City of Worthington, the Worthington School District, the City of Brewster, the City of Round Lake, and now is being presented to members of western Nobles County. Johnson explained that Nobles County Commissioners were formulating resolutions for member cities and school districts to sign. The parameters and timelines for the program would be contained in those resolutions.

Zylstra, as the Nobles County Board Chairperson, offered his support for the program. Zylstra stated that this was a way for all of Nobles County to come together to remedy an issue. The program presented more positive aspects than negative aspects and it will also assist employers find qualified applicants.

After the discussion was complete and all of the questions were answered, Wiese asked the Councilmember's if they'd choose to support the Initiative with Council Action. After requested, Kruger moved, second by Shorter to approve the Nobles Home Initiative in Adrian. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

Algadi and the Nobles County Representatives stated that they'd continue to visit other cities and school districts in Nobles County. Everyone in Nobles County will be given the opportunity to participate. The program is alive and well for those members who already approved the Initiative.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business appearing, motion by Shorter, second by Lonneman, motion carried to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:46 P.M. RCV 4-yes, 0-no

/s/ Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bruce A. Heitkamp

/s/ Mayor Robert Wiese