

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE SIOUX FALLS CITY COUNCIL AT 5:00 P.M., May 18, 2009, pursuant to adjournment on May 12, 2009.

Commissioners present were: Pekas, Hajek, Barth, Kelly, and Twedt. Sandy Kinder, Deputy Auditor, was also present.

City Council Members present: Anderson, Beninga, Brown, Costello, Jamison, Knudson, Litz, Staggers, and Mayor Munson.

Chairman Pekas called the meeting to order.

Pat Herman, Planner, was present for the scheduled hearing to consider an amendment to the 2002 Revised Joint Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County and the City of Sioux Falls to rezone from the A-1 Agricultural District to RR Rural Residential District, property legally described as the S 535.8' Tract 9 & all of Tract 10 Nelson's Tracts NW ¼ SW ¼ in Section 23-T102N-R49W. The property is located a ½ mile northeast of Sioux Falls at 47610 & 47614 Slip Up Creek Road. Ms. Herman reported that the property is no longer viable for agricultural use because of its location within a subdivision in a transitional area. The applicant, Steven Bechtold, will be required to submit and obtain approval of a preliminary subdivision plan prior to the construction of any homes. The Joint Planning Commissions recommended approval. No one spoke in opposition. MOTION by Hajek, seconded by Barth to approve Ordinance MC30-21-09. 5 ayes. City concurred. The entire ordinance is on file in the County Auditor's office.

Bill Hoskins, Siouxland Heritage Museum Director, presented the 2008 Annual Report of the Siouxland Heritage Museum Special Enterprise Fund.

Ken McFarland, Commission Administrative Officer, gave a project report/briefing on the Housing First Project which included identifying a specific site, unit design, a detailed construction cost estimate of \$4,796,406, an operating cost estimate of \$409,155, cost split, and comments from the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force Blueprint. He also discussed an article on the benefits of the housing first concept from the Denver Post. Mr. McFarland reported that at the request of the Mayor, City and County staff have been working to identify how this project could fit into the City's budget and hoped to have a Memorandum of Understanding detailing the intent to move forward with the joint project at the next joint meeting. Stacey Tieszen, HAB Coordinator, explained that it will take a community effort to end homelessness. She also noted that working with the chronically homeless will free up services and funding for others in need. Shirley Halleen, HAB member, asked that the City and County look ahead. Tim Nicolai, Arena Motel owner, spoke on the benefits of the housing first concept and reported on what he and his wife have experienced by working directly with the homeless population.

MOTION by Hajek, seconded by Barth to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. 5 ayes.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Anne Hajek, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandy Kinder, Deputy Auditor