SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
July 13, 2010

Present: Brockman, Luskey, Miller, Peabody, Schueler, Werch, Will  
Absent: Hansen, Schraeder  
Others: City Administrator Barg, Brenda Hicks-Sorensen and Brett Traver (FCEDC)

Mayor Will called the special meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**Discuss economic development issues and concerns with FCEDC staff**

Discussion occurred regarding two concerns arising from a recent presentation by Ms. Hicks-Sorensen. The first involved the roles of FCEDC staff versus city officials, especially trying to identify that point in which city officials become involved in working with a prospect, and what type of team the city should assemble in preparation. FCEDC staff noted that, on many occasions, city officials are not even needed throughout the process of working with a business prospect, especially if no public funds are being sought. Council members asked that FCEDC staff communicate with the city administrator or other city officials when appropriate, so that they know what is going on, even if their participation is not necessary.

Discussion also occurred with respect to plans for developing the new business park at Highway 44 and Douglas Street, assuming that Ripon Medical Center builds its new hospital on a portion of the property. The main question involved the definition of “light industrial” and whether such businesses would be interested in locating in the north part of the business park if a new hospital is built on an adjacent sight. In the end, it was generally agreed that the key issue is how the city defines light industrial, and what types of uses that would permit. Barg noted that he has obtained copies of light industrial district codes from other communities, and that he expects to bring forward some thoughts and ideas very soon.

With no further business before the Council, Miller moved and Luskey seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Will declared the meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Barg, City Administrator