

On December 6, 2024, the Economic Development Plan Review Committee Meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall (10 3rd Ave SW). Chairman Blessum called the meeting to order at 01:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Blessum, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson, Paul Pitner

Members Absent: Beth Feldner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Blessum led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Committee Member Pitner moved the committee to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2024 Economic Development Plan Review Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Tyler Neether and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson, Paul Pitner; nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION - WHAT IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS?

Beth Feldner attended the meeting at 1:05 pm.

The committee made a list of bullet points on Economic Development Success:

- Fill Gaps – Funding where other organizations are not, or it is not part of their scope.
- Retail/Restaurant Economic Development and Data Collection
- Incentivizing business into Minot.
- Workforce recruitment and retention.
- Short-term spending.
- Increasing labor pool.
- Increasing the tax base.
- Increasing discretionary income/spending.
- Options available for jobs, more competitive market.
- Competition.
- Increase in business ownership and entrepreneurship.
- Strengthening our position as a regional draw.
- Attitude for development processes and assessing/adjusting current processes.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY OF MINOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS PRESENTATION

Harold Stewart, City Manager, and Brian Billingsley, Economic Development Director, presented to the committee on the City of Minot Economic Development programs. A link to their presentation is: [Economic Development Plan Review Committee • Agendas & Minutes • CivicClerk](#).

UPCOMING INFORMATION

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

The committee plans to meet on the following dates from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, unless otherwise specified:

- December 20, 2024
- January 10, 2025
- January 24, 2025

The link to the full meeting is: [Economic Development Plan Review Committee 12/6/2024 at 1:00 p.m.](#).

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 pm was initiated by Committee Member Pitner, seconded by Committee Member Nelson and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Beth Feldner, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson, Paul Pitner; nays: None.