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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
21 5TH STREET E, MANTORVILLE, MN 55955

MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

X Brian Hindal	☐ Chuck Bradford	X Zach Krause	X Kim Boyum
X Troy Stafford	☐ Bob Soland	X Jim Potter	

- A. *The meeting was called to order by President Hindal at 6:42 pm.*
- B. *Not in attendance were Chuck Bradford and Bob Soland.*
- C. *Also in attendance were Todd Kieffer (EDA Coordinator) and Sandra Gochbauer, Mantorville Welcome Center Chairperson.*

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. January 2026 Minutes
 - i. *Motion to approve January 2026 minutes was made by Krause and seconded by Stafford.*
 - ii. *Motion carried 5-0*
- B. April 2026 Minutes
 - i. *Motion to approve April 2026 Minutes made by Boyum and seconded by Krause.*
 - ii. *Motion carried 5-0.*

3. Financial Report

- A. May 2026
 - i. *Motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Report was made by Krause and seconded by Potter.*
 - ii. *Motion carried 5-0.*

4. New Business/Old Business

- A. Mantorville Welcome Center Request
 - i. *Sandra shared that the Welcome Center furnace has died. Comet is the company they have worked with in the past, and they feel comfortable working with them. Quote is \$4,800.*
 - ii. *Roles of the Welcome Center are:*
 - *Sharing visitor information with local businesses and nearby communities to promote Mantorville events throughout the year.*
 - *Walking Tour books are available at the Center.*
 - *Volunteers man the Welcome Center on Fridays – Sundays.*
 - *Funds are acquired via donations.*
 - *Decision of the EDA was to table this decision to July meeting since we are in the summer months and there isn't an urgency to have it replaced immediately. Sandra shared that they have just begun seeking donations. They have submitted a grant request to Hanson Family Foundation. They are also waiting to hear back from KMTEL and the Legion. Commissioners Stafford and Hindal both requested for Sandra to come back to the EDA at our July meeting with a fundraising update. Sandra was told there is a very good chance the EDA will do something, but let's see where you are at in July. An email invite was sent to Sandra for the July meeting.*



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B. Larger Than Life Update

- i. *Hindal shared an update that 42 artists submitted an application this year, and 36 were approved. This is up 4 artists from 2025.*
- ii. *Kick-off date is June 22 from 10:00 – 2:00 at Riverside Park. An Art Fair will also take place in the park for purchasing artists' creations. Live music will be provided.*

C. Review of Expectations

- i. *Beautification Grants for cleaning the limestone buildings and walls along main street. Kieffer has contacted State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) about what our next steps would be to have this done. The Legacy Grant is one that is being explored.*
- ii. *Exploring the possibility of adding shower and bathroom amenities for the public campground.*
 - *The old brewery building could be a possibility, but the process that needs to be followed will take some time, so this project will more than likely be pushed back to 2027.*
- iii. *Marketing the Revolving Loan Fund Program to local businesses.*
 - *Seim Properties: Their loan's interest rate was determined in 2022 at 1.5%. As of April 20, 2027, it will change to .5% below prime, and as of right now, that would be 6.25%.*
 - *Kieffer will be arranging a meeting with them to review the loan language.*
- iv. *Recruiting new businesses to Mantorville.*
 - *Currently, the County Seat is for sale. The main problem has been finding consistent help.*
 - *Hubble House rumors have also been heard around town.*
 - *Hubble used to be open all week and was available for lunches in the past. Now they are open Thursday through Sunday evenings.*
 - *A business directory draft was shared in your packet. Homework was for commissioners to think about businesses we are missing and if we have the correct owner contact information. Please review and come to the June meeting with changes and/or additions.*

D. Other Items

5. Adjourn

- A. *Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm was made by Potter and seconded by Hindal.*
- B. *Motion carried 5-0*

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.