

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
CITY OF WILLMAR, MINNESOTA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014**

MINUTES

The Community Development Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Thursday, January 16, 2014, in Conference Room No.1 at the City Office Building. Chair Fagerlie called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Present:

Rick Fagerlie	Chair
Jim Dokken	Council Member
Bruce DeBlieck	Council Member
Tim Johnson	Council Member
Bruce Peterson	Director of Planning and Development Services
Charlene Stevens	City Administrator

Others present: Steve Renquist – Economic Development Commission, Randy Alsleben – Jennie-O Turkey Store, David Little – West Central Tribune

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no public comments.

2. VACATION OF PORTION OF FORMER HIGHWAY 40 (RESOLUTION)

Staff presented an expansion proposal by Jennie-O Turkey Store and described how their expansion plans conflict with the right-of-way of former Highway 40, now Industrial Boulevard. A request has been made that the City vacate that portion of the former Highway 40 right-of-way from Willmar Avenue west to County Road 5. A map showing the proposal for vacation was reviewed and discussed (See Attachment A). Steve Renquist, EDC Director, presented a summary of the proposed Jennie-O Turkey Store expansion projects (See Attachment B).

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council member DeBlieck, seconded by Council member Dokken and passed for the following:

RECOMMENDATION: That a resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for February 3, 2014.

3. HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS OPEN HOUSE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

The Committee was informed that the Holiday Inn Express was holding an open house the evening of January 16th, and that Committee members were invited to attend and view the results of the first phase of the Torgerson Legacy Project.

4. **LIFE LINK (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Staff updated the Committee as to discussions between the Airport Commission and Life Link regarding lease space in the FBO hangar at the Willmar Municipal Airport.

5. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Peterson, AICP
Director of Planning and Development Services