

Minutes
Avon Economic Development Authority and Avon City Council
April 14, 2025

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Jeff Manthe, Mark Schulzetenberge, Sarah Grutsch, Aaron Goebel, Katie Reiling, Tim Burg, Jim Sand
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

AVON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Consider Spunky's request for CRD and Small Loan. Deb Heying of Spunky's was present and explained that with too few lunch options in Avon, she has seen an increase in people coming in looking for something to eat over the employee lunch hour. Heying claims that the EDA's assistance with putting in an auto fryer in order to meet those needs will improve the economic viability of commercial businesses in the City of Avon by providing an unmet need in the community for local workers / employees of other businesses that need lunch options. In addition, the change in gambling legislation has decreased the e-tab usage by about 48% compared to last year. This assistance will also contribute to the preservation of tax base – as her loss of income from the gambling rule change could potentially impact her ability to continue to operate. Fees for permits to keep live bands at the bar have also increased. Summer is a slow season as there are no bands nor meat raffles. Heying explained that the auto-fryers have fire suppression features built in and do not require venting. Jim Sand had explained that while the request is outside of the CRD guidelines, Section D of the guidelines does allow the EDA to make an exception.

Motion Jim Sand to approve the funding request at \$10,000 CRD and \$10,000 Small Loan at 0% interest
Second Tim Burg
Passed unanimously

EDA adjourned at 6:45 pm.

AVON CITY COUNCIL

Avon City Council convened at 6:45 pm.

Motion Reiling to approve the CRD and Small Loan requests for Spunky's and authorize staff to prepare and execute all required documents
Second Goebel
Passed Unanimously

1st Street SE, Barracuda Ave, Char Ave, Dolphin Ave Street Project 2025

Receive bids and consider Resolution 2025-18 Receiving Bids and Awarding Contract
2025 Capital Improvement Project – 1st St SE, Barracuda Ave SE, Char Ave SE & Dolphin Ave SE

Motion Goebel to adopt Resolution 2025-18 Receiving Bids and Awarding the Contract to R.L. Larson Excavating for \$3,079, 554.97
Second Grutsch
Passed Unanimously

Motion Goebel to adopt Resolution 2025-20 Declaring Cost to be Assessed; Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessments; and Calling for Public Hearing on Assessments
Second Reiling
Passed Unanimously

Resolution 2025-19 Authorizing Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Streets Capital Projects Fund (half-cent sales tax) Relating to 2025 Street Improvements

Motion Goebel to adopt Resolution 2025-19 Authorizing Interfund Loan from the General Fund to the Streets Capital Projects Fund (half-cent sales tax) Relating to 2025 Street Improvements

Second Manthe

Passed unanimously

Katie Notch was present to request some cabinet space in the kitchen for a community group that meets weekly. Council consensus to allow them kitchen cabinet space for their written materials.

WWTP Blower Quotes

Council considered quotes for blower at wastewater treatment plant. Justin Kurtz, Water Wastewater Forman, presented a written recommendation for the council to move forward with C. Emery Nelson's quote for \$13,549.08

Motion Goebel to approve the quote for C. Emery Nelson for a new blower for \$13,549.08

Second Schulzetenberge

Passed Unanimously

Chris Schellinger had sent in a request for a letter of support for the Avon Folk School's application to the U of MN's RSDP grant program to further an idea to create a regional entity that could assist in marketing the unique and attractive amenities of the Avon Hills area. City Council was overwhelmingly supportive and staff will draft a letter of support.

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Goebel asked about the city's plan for Char Avenue and other areas of town needing some street repair. Joint Planning Board will bring the issue up with the township to see about partnering.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut - City Clerk/Administrator