

The Milnor City Council convened for a special meeting at the Milnor Community Center at 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2020. Council members present: Curtis Anderson, Merrill Decker, Charles Faber and Monty Haugen. Nannette Severson joined the meeting later. Also present: City Attorney LeeAnn Even, Nathan Berseth, Mary Engst, David Even, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Mayor Terry Dusek called the meeting order.

Mayor Dusek informed the council the meeting was being called to discuss the possibility of a new grocer tenant to take over the business in the Sebens Building. He discussed the search for a new tenant since the city had bought the building and reported the city had been turned down 8 times by different grocery businesses. He reported he currently had two interested parties and had met with one party twice. Dusek had asked for a proposal from that party and had received a written proposal. The interested party is looking to expand their business. Dusek stated if the council agreed to move forward with the interested party, he would have the potential tenant sign an agreement in principle and would have Attorney LeeAnn Even write up a lease agreement. Once the lease was signed by the party, they would meet the council, and the public would be informed.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Dusek called a recess to the regular meeting, in order to hold an executive session with the council members, Nathan Berseth, LeeAnn Even and Jennie Hanna in the city auditor's office to discuss potentially leasing to the interested grocer tenant and how much the city would be willing to invest in business and building improvements. After the executive session concluded, everyone rejoined the regular meeting.

Motion to proceed with Tenant A and to allow the city to invest up to \$180,000 to improve the grocery store (Haugen/Severson, with a roll call vote taken with all council members voting aye, no nays. Motion passed).

Mayor Dusek stated he would contact Tenant A and have him sign the necessary paperwork and ask him to the March council meeting.

Motion to adjourn (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor