

**MEETING MINUTES
ST. ALBANS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
ST. ALBANS CITY HALL, 100 NO. MAIN ST.
12:00 PM NOON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019**

Approved May 13, 2019

City Council Members Present: Mayor Tim Smith (arrived at 12:10); Chad Spooner, Ward VI (via telephone); Marie Bessette, Ward III; Kate Laddison, Ward V; Jim Pelkey, Ward II (via telephone)

Staff Members Present: Chip Sawyer, Director of Planning & Development and taking minutes

Public Present: None.

- 1. Open Meeting. Council President Chad Spooner opened the meeting at 12:06 PM.**
 - a. Discuss additions or deletions to agenda – There was none.
2. Consider resolution to authorize grant application to NBRC – D&V

Chip Sawyer explained that the City was seeking to apply to the Northern Border Regional Commission for 50/50 matching funds to build a public roadway and utilities to access proposed lots to be subdivided from the former Fonda/Solo manufacturing facility. The total cost of the project was estimated at \$670,000 or more. The cost would be finalized before the application was submitted. The NBRC application required a resolution by the City Council authorizing City Manager Dominic Cloud to submit the application and sign grant documents.

Chad Spooner asked questions about what would be built and if Solo could be asked to pay for any of it. Chip Sawyer noted that the City had already received federal funds to clean up the Fonda site, and he was unsure if Solo had any remaining liability. Tim Smith opined that it may cost more to pursue funds from Solo than the City would actually receive.

Marie Bessette asked clarifying questions about where the proposed roadway would go.

Motion by Chad Spooner to approve the resolution presented to the Council, which stated that City Manager Dominic Cloud has the authority to make and sign an application to the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) for infrastructure needs at the former Fonda manufacturing site, and furthermore, that Dominic Cloud has the City Council's permission to sign any and all NBRC documents that bind the City of St. Albans for the purposes of the funding. Second by Jim Pelkey and approved with all in favor.

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda.

Tim Smith informed those present that a May 13 joint meeting between the City and Town had been postponed.

Motion by Jim Pelkey to Adjourn the meeting. Second by Kate Laddison, and approved with all in favor at 12:20 PM.