

Minutes from
Economic Development Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Call to Order: Chairman Weeks called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Call of Roll: Commissioners Gary Weeks, Temple Wynne, Jenelle Flocke, Vivian McDonald, Bob Currie and Craig Reitz were present. Commissioner Phil Van Ostrand was on excused absence.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 5, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Reitz moved to approve the minutes as read. All agreed.

Citizens Communications: None.

Discussion and Action:

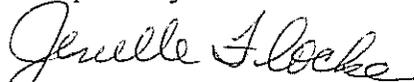
Mr. Bert Johansen, a partner in the formation of Anvil Communications, discussed at length (and answered questions regarding) DSL, cable, wireless, and satellite providers in the Valley. He explained how various local providers connect with the primary fiberoptic connections of the country, how more bandwidth is becoming available at the local level due to technological improvements and reallocation of the spectrum by the FCC, and how most local customers in the Valley can, do, and will have access to service and speeds comparable to those available in major cities. He commented that many, perhaps half, of the customers he signed up with Anvil's wireless service operated a business or were working at home.

Commission Member Reports: Future Agenda Items.

Agenda items will be provided by the Chairman with input from Commissioners.

Adjourn: Commissioner Flocke moved to adjourn. All agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted:


Jenelle Flocke
Acting Secretary