

**Lanesboro City Council, Economic Development Authority,
and Planning & Zoning Commission
Special Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2016
5:30pm**

Present: Robin Krom, Jason Resseman, Tom Dybing, Tom Smith, Sandy Solberg, Peggy Hanson, and Michael Brown

Absent: Autumn Johnson, Jon Pieper, LuAnn Wilcox, Bill Swanson, and Elaine Edwards

Visitors: Marti Gray, Dona Conway, Julia Borgen, Kathy Kasten, Mark Gorman, Drue Ferguson, Kris Hansen, Frank Wright, Duane Bakke, Liz Bucheit, Michael Seiler, Scott Taylor, Ceil Allen, Joe Deden, Mary Bell, and Char Brown

Call to order the Special Council Meeting: (Mayor Krom) 5:30 p.m.

- A. Development Proposal: Kris Hansen with Western Home Communities gave an overview of the company, the services they offer, as well as various building projects. Western Home Communities is a non-profit organization since 1912; however they do have different divisions which some are for profit. Hansen chose Lanesboro as a possible sight due to the community and natural environment. He stated no specific parcel of land has been chosen at this point.

Michael Brown, on behalf of the EDA noted that during the concept plan discussions, a repeated theme was that of housing. Specifically the desire for an assisted living facility in Lanesboro was noted, which then has the possibility of creating needed local employment.

Many concerns were brought forward including: Demand for facility, employment and wages, as well exactly what type of facility is being proposed. Hansen noted that in order to be able to answer the questions, a Feasibility study is needed. Hansen stated that Western Home Communities would like to partner with the City of Lanesboro to complete such study, paying up to one half the total cost.

Suggestions were also made to search out information from the Bluff Country HRA and the Small Business Development Center. As well Hansen would like to review the concept plan once complete.

Adjourn: Member Smith motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 7:00 p.m. Member Resseman seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk