

City of Red Lake Falls
Joint Public Hearing
March 14, 2022
Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a public hearing of the City Council of the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota was duly held in the Council Chambers of said City on the 14th day of March, 2022.

City Council Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Briana Ingraham, Kevin Brevik, Cheryl Matzke, Sara Kenfield, Neil Knaack

Members Absent: None

County Commissioners Present: Ron Weiss, Tom Gerardy, Allen Remick, Chuck Flage

School Board Members Present: Linda Schultz, Lacey Konickson, Chris Cardinal, Josiah Hoefer, Beth Keller

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Jane Thibert, Delray Sparby, Jim Guetter, Dennis Brazier, Terri Brazier, Karl Bjorkman, Reed Engelsted, Gary Thibert, Eric Etherington, Mike Hugg

The Joint Public Hearing, City Council, School Board and County Commissioner meetings were called to order at 6:04 p.m.

The purpose of this Joint Public Hearing was to inform residents of the proposed resolution for property tax abatement for the Altoz, Inc. project and to hear comments from the public and to answer any questions.

Mike Hugg and Eric Etherington from Altoz, Inc. gave an overview of the project.

- Working on permits for the first phase of a four-phase project.
- The manufacturing building will be 250x250 with front offices.
- They are just past the planning stages and some contracts are in place.
- Planning on having 100 people in the building within a year.
- They project that the roof will be in place by November 2022 and fully enclosed by December 2022. Completion of the building within one year.
- They are advertising and hope to have 40 hired by September, 2022.
- They will be trained in Greenbush.

Mayor Bertilrud reported that the city's portion of the tax abatement would be approximately \$194,430.00 over the period of 10 years. He reported that the county assessor estimated completed market value for the property of the initial phase to be \$643,300.00.

Abatement would be the difference between what the taxes are now and the what the taxes would be when the project is finished.

Administrator Kathy Schmitz stated that according to the County Assessor, the tax value is done on January 2nd, therefore the abatement would be 2025-2034 when it is at full value.

The meeting was opened to public comments and questions. Gary Thibert and Reed Engelstad both spoke in support of the tax abatement, as they felt this will be a plus and good building block for our community to expand forward. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community.

No opposition.

Mayor Bertilrud and all those in attendance welcomed Altoz, Inc. to the community.

The Joint Public Hearing, City Council, School Board and County Commissioner meetings adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator