

**CITY OF EVANSVILLE  
RESOLUTION #2007-34**

*A Resolution Supporting a State Budget Allocation for a Four-Million Dollar Grant  
to Support Development of a Soybean Crushing Facility*

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin is considering a budget allocation for a \$4,000,000 grant to support development of a 2,000 ton per day soybean crushing plant in Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evansville has created a second phase of Tax Increment District #7 that is prepared to support the development of a crushing plant in Evansville;

**WHEREAS**, based on the tax increment expected to be created by a crushing plant, the amount of the TIF support may exceed \$2,000,000;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed site for the crushing plant is on the site of North Prairie Production's 45-million gallon per year biodiesel plant which is currently under construction;

**WHEREAS**, Landmark Services Cooperative has 1.9 million bushels of storage and a 100 car rail shuttle loader on the site that could be incorporated into the crushing plant and thereby reduce the overall cost of the project by over \$10,000,000;

**WHEREAS**, Evansville is in the heart of the highest soybean producing area in Wisconsin and has been designated as the Soybean Capital of Wisconsin since 1983;

**WHEREAS**, Evansville is in a prime location to supply soybean meal to the livestock farms in Wisconsin;

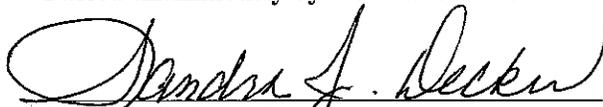
**WHEREAS**, currently all soybeans raised in Wisconsin are transported out of the state for processing and all livestock farmers feeding soybean meal must have the meal trucked into Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, a soybean crushing plant in Wisconsin will make our farming industry more competitive with neighboring states by reducing transportation costs for soybeans and soybean meal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved as follows:**

1. The City of Evansville supports and encourages the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin to create a budget allocation for a \$4,000,000 grant in the current bi-annum budget to support the development of a 2,000 ton per day soybean crushing plant;
2. The City of Evansville encourages Governor Doyle to sign a budget with a budget allocation for a \$4,000,000 grant to support the development of a 2,000 ton per day soybean crushing plant in Wisconsin; and
3. The City of Evansville encourages the state agency that will administer the grant to consider the unparalleled list of advantages Evansville offers for the location of the crush plant when considering applications for the \$4,000,000 grant.

Passed unanimously by the Evansville Common Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

  
Sandra J. Decker, Mayor

  
Judy L. Walton, City Clerk