*ECDC: Economic& Community Development Committee*

Tuesday December 4, 2018 5:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Don Griffin, Tom Mahoney, and Terry Schuster.

**Absent:** Pat Donahue, Erin Folk, John VonTish, and Rebecca Hazzard.

**Also, present**: Mayor-Ken Williams, Chris Manheim, and City Clerk- Charlene Ruthe.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order. A quorum is not present so will start with Budget Report.

**Budget:** Economic Development fifty to sixty thousand. Extra video gaming is being collected than budgeted. Could possibly move some of those funds to EC Dev. Account. Terry and Mayor are looking at new revenue streams, possibly funding more Façade Grants, and what to budget for the year. Would like to see visible things completed. Concerned that the Comcast Franchise fees could decline with the different carriers for internet and tv. Mayor asked when the Comcast Franchise expires.

**Minutes:**  no quorum so can’t approve November minutes.

**Mayor spread sheet:** LOIS- It’s an ongoing project.

Business recruitment-Mayor and Terry will be looking for the proposal prepared by Roger Hopkins & Chris Manheim.

Street Scape downtown got grant approval for the engineering costs. Now engineers are working on a grant to complete the project.

Franklin Street bid letting to be in February 2019.

Looking to change the zoning on Pines Road corridor from Commercial Highway Business District to Industrial.

Replacing the Oregon Chamber Executive Director is still under advisement.

Farrah’s internship was extended two more weeks. She completed a volunteer survey. The information will need to be summarized this winter. Economic Development Position is still under advisement. Possibly investigate another intern.

**County Enterprise Zone:** City Council had public hearing and approved Enterprise Zone Ordinance. The other communities in the Enterprise Zone has approved ours, now just waiting to be approved at state level.

**Ogle County Economic Development**

Roger Hopkins announced that the County is wanting to see more private/public funds to promote the Committee. Will possibly look at having quarterly meeting not monthly. The County will vote on their budget in December so, will see if they set aside funds for the Ec Dev Committee. We need to look at the entire county not just individual communities and find what the needs are: retail, ag, or industrial.

**TIF District:** Will collect about one hundred fifty thousand in tax dollars and will have about forty- four thousand dollars in expenses. Need to discuss use of money and come up with a plan of action. The TIF money also has certain guidelines for expenditures.

**Riverfront Zone:** Nothing new to report.

**Website:** Nothing new to report.

**Marketing Plan Update:**  Nothing new to report.

**Oregon Together:**  Will be having a party for the volunteers December 10th.

An Aledo Community Exchange Participant Guide was handed out to the members. They have secret shoppers fill out a survey of what they thought of the city’s infrastructure, parking, tourist information, and retail.

Won’t be meeting on the first Tuesday in January since it’s New Year Day. If needed could have an emergency meeting otherwise will meet again in February.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe