*ECDC: Economic& Community Development Committee*

Tuesday April 2, 2019 5:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Don Griffin, Erin Folk, and Terry Schuster

**Absent:** Pat Donahue, Rebecca Hazzard, John VonTish and Tom Mahoney.

**Also, present**: Robin Etnyre (potential new Committee member), Mayor-Ken Williams and City Clerk- Charlene Ruthe.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order. With a quorum not being present will not be able to vote on anything.

**Budget:** Nothing new to report.

**Minutes:**  No quorum unable to approve.

**County Enterprise Zone:** Wiggale’s have picked up an application up for their building at 402 W Washington Street. Andy Shaw is helping them complete the application.

**Ogle County Economic Development:**

Chris Manheim and Roger Hopkins attended the shopping center program in the Chicago area. They marketed the Ogle County Area for potential businesses to come to the area. They look at population, number of traffic count, and people count. The Committee is in the process of appling for a 5013C and developing a private/partnership. Focusing on getting Financial Institutions, employers, realtors, and retail businesses involved. Rural areas like ours need to push harder since number are lower for traffic and people. Don asked if the ECDC minutes from the County meeting could be forwarded to him and rest of committee.

**TIF District:** Wiggale’s will also be utilizing the TIF District Application process for the building at 402 W Washington Street.

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

**Website:** Nothing new to report.

**Mayor spread sheet:**

Business recruitment and LOIS is on-going. Would also like to create a brochure to give to larger businesses for their employees, to help sell the city.

Street Scape on Franklin Street should be completed this summer or early fall.

**Chamber Position:**

The Chamber Board hired Liz Vos as the new Director. At this time the position is part-time if they choose to make her position full time the city could consider helping fund part of her salary. She is also going to help the city with work that was started by the past Economic Development people and create a new antique shop brochure.

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

**Oregon Together:**  Chocolate Walk is April 18th.

Ground breaking for the new Judicial Annex is Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Will take about twenty months to complete construction of building.

Iron Mike improvements to move inside sidewalk on Courthouse property will be given to City Council next week. Will be using old bricks that city has and adding a couple of benches. Roger Cain came up with the plan.

Mayor is going to pursue Immediate Care Facility with KSB if they are not interested will check with the Hospitals in Rockford.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe