*ECDC: Economic& Community Development Committee*

Tuesday May 7, 2019 5:00 PM

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

**Absent:** Pat Donahue, Erin Folk, Robin Etnyre, and Rebecca Hazzard.

**Also, present:** Mayor-Ken Williams, Liz Vos Chamber Executive Director, and City Clerk- Charlene Ruthe.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:**  The minutes from March 5th and April 2nd were approved.

Motion carried. No Nays.

**Budget:** With the TIF and ECDC fund the City will have a balance of about three hundred and forty thousand dollars. The revenue sources include Franchise fees from Comcast, Video Gaming, and Internet Sales Tax.

**County Enterprise Zone:** Nothing new to report.

**Ogle County Economic Development:**

Chris Manheim and Roger Hopkins are working on a retreat for late fall would invite ECDC members, businesses, and protentional stakeholders.

**TIF District:** Nothing new to report.

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

**Website:** Nothing new to report.

**Mayor spread sheet:**

Nothing new to report.

**Chamber Director:** The Committee welcomed Liz Vos to the meeting. She has been busy updating the Chambers Website and social media, visiting with the businesses and giving tours, and marketing the area.

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

**Oregon Together:**  Moving forward with different projects.

The Committee put together a list of things they would like to work on:

Infrastructure-High speed Internet

Parking in the downtown area

More beautician in the downtown

Path along Riverfront from Franklin to Washington Street

Improve 5th Street Parking Lot

Revolving Loan/Façade Grant program

Purchase property for future growth

Movie Theater

Annex more properties into City limits

Path from downtown to Stone Gate Ridge

Market the area more

Feasibility study/Cobblestone Hotel

Urgent Care Facility

Brownfield Program

Expand Lake Mistake area to help with drainage

Rezone Pines Rd to Commercial and Industrial

Color theme for downtown facades

Façade grant for historic signs for businesses

Downtown apartments

Save for the next big project-retain reserve fund

The Committee will need to prioritize the list.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 pm

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe