*ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee*

Tuesday November 5, 2019 5:00 PM

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

**Absent:** Tom Mahoney, Phil Lehmann, Erin Folk, Rebecca Hazzard, and Robin Etnyre.

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

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

**Public comment:** None.

**Minutes** October 1, 2019.

**Budget:** Nothing new to present.

**County Enterprise Zone: Next** meeting is scheduled December 4th in Rochelle

**Consulting Services Proposal:** Roger and Chris have been working on: updating the tracking list for attraction prospects, uploading key references to drop box, LOIS, reviewing sales tax summaries, working with Chamber about feedback from its focus groups, developing profile of employee skills desired by area employers, distributing materials for recruitment for retail and industrial retail, continuing outreach to realtors and banks, and strategies for TIF assistance.

**Façade Grant Applications:** Chad Brinkmann, owner of the building at 118 N 3rd Street, turned in a façade grant application. The cost of the work that needs to be completed is around five to six thousand, matching amount to the city would be about two thousand eight hundred dollars. So far have five total applications on file from different businesses.

**Ogle County Economic Development:** No meeting scheduled at this time still working on moving forward since the County has a new board chairman.

**TIF District:** Wiggale’s presented a plan for their building at 404 W Washington for a fitness place. They are scheduled to open January 2020.

Wiesner’s have purchased the building at 133 N 4th Street. Will be working with them to come up with a plan for the façade.

Engineering is being done on water/sewer for the 5th Street parking lot area.

Iron Mike is being moved onto the County property so will be removing it and transporting to E.D. Etnyre Co. to paint.

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

**Website:** Nothing new to report.

**Chamber:** Liz is putting together a community calendar and working on Candlelight Walk events.

**Oregon Together:**  A fund raiser is going to take place at Cork-n-Tap December 14th will be having a pianist. Tickets can be purchased at Cork & Tap, Merlin’s, and Chamber Office.

Don announced that the new Judicial Building is ahead of schedule. Not sure what is going to happen to old jail. Committee is still work on their options.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 pm

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe