

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday January 3, 2017 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Pat Donahue, Tom Mahoney, John VonTish, Merlin Hageman, Terry Schuster, and Aaron Sitze.

Absent: Andrew Dettman and Erin Folk.

Also, present: Mayor-Ken Williams, Economic Development -Samantha Anderson, and City Clerk- Charlene Ruthe.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Approved minutes from December 6, 2016. Motion carried. No Nays.

Budget: Terry handed out an updated report of expenses and income.

Impact Fees: Investigating how they are collected for other taxing bodies.

Peace Corp Intern: Tom Mahoney moved to support completing the application process to hire a Peace Corp. Intern. Through Western Illinois University, Seconded by John VonTish.

Motion carried. No nays.

Mayor, Terry, John, and Sam will be completing the application process.

Spread sheet progress:

Settler' Ridge Subdivision: Nothing new still working with bank on a few things.

TIF District: A digital copy of the proposed TIF District was sent to the members. The public hearing is set for February 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM Coliseum Building.

Economic Development Position: Sam has been working on marketing vacant properties the city has in the downtown area. Would like to have them on the website when completed. She also attended a County Economic Development meeting. They would like to start looking at our area as a region rather than individual cities or villages. She and Terry are going to be spending the next few months working on retail development.

Municode: Mayor and City Attorney had a phone conference will be getting hard copies to review. Will be a long process, but well worth it when completed.

Oregon Together: The have formed three different committees within to tackle the projects they have been working on.

Terry reminded everyone that the Annual Rural Community Economic Development Seminar will be March 8 & 9 in Springfield. Registration information was sent to everyone via email.

Don talked to Bill Tallyn and Sherri Taylor as possible new members for the committee.

Everyone feels it's been a productive year and that an article should be in newspaper of the accomplishments that have been done.

Meeting adjourned. Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourned at 5:35 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe