

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Erin Folk, Tom Golden, Merlin Hageman, Aaron Sitze, Terry Schuster, and John Von Tish.

Absent: Andrew Dettman, Beth Henderson, and Tom Mahoney.

Also present: Ken Williams-Mayor, Charlene Ruthe-City Clerk, Donna Mann, and Jeff Hallock.

Minutes: John Von Tish moved to approve minutes, seconded by Merlin Hageman. Motion carried. No Nays.

Website: Terry, Mayor, and Police Chief met regarding city website. Talking about using a community calendar and looked at other community websites. Once something is put into place everyone will get to look at before going live.

Budget: Don would like to see budget and future goals for the committee.

Business Packets: City Clerk will email the packet for new businesses for the committee to review.

Teska update: Surveys are being compiled by Teska and Assoc. Terry had a prelim of the internet information; however still need to consider paper copies.

Mapping process: Donna Mann mentioned that the Mapping Process is not a City funded program. It is citizens interested in developing a plan for long term community goals and specific short term projects to reach those goals. A steering committee of ten persons has been formed to decide logistics, communicate purpose and goals of process to community, to raise funds through sponsorships, and to ensure the diversity of interests in the community. The project is set to start in April of 2016. Five three-hour meeting with about 60 to 75 people will take place.

She has already received three thousand dollars in sponsorships.

● **Funding Programs:** Terry and Ken have been looking into different programs that would help a new business. Hoping to have someone from DECO at a future meeting to inform the committee of what a TIF District can do for our community.

Regional Meeting: Don is hoping to have a regional meeting in the future with Mt. Morris and Byron's Economic Development Committees.

Adjourned at 5:55 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe

