

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Erin Folk, Merlin Hageman, Terry Schuster, and Aaron Sitze

Absent: Andrew Dettman, Pat Donahue, Tom Mahoney, and John VonTish.

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 November 1, 2016. Motion carried. No Nays.

Budget: No changes now.

Moved to item (10) on Agenda

Marketing & Peace Corp Internship. Karen Mauldin-Curtis, of Western Illinois University, explained to the Committee what a Pearce Corp Intern would be able to do for the City. She had three handouts: Application, Host Site Letter of Agreement, and Allowable Activities for AmeriCorps Members. The application process time line is end of January for the fall interns. As of now only one intern will be available this coming fall. In 2018 three applicants, will be available. It would cost the City under twenty thousand dollars. The Internship in Community Development would be for eleven months at thirty-seven and half hours per weeks. The City would need to form a Steering Committee consisting of three to five persons, provide a supervisor, draft a work plan, assist with mid-term and final written reports, and furnish necessary materials, equipment, and working space. The Peace Corp. would take care of the training costs. Don asked everyone to look the materials that were handed out so the city can move forward.

Impact Fees

Still considering what to do about impact fees. Nothing to report now.

Spread sheet progress:

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

Façade Designs: Poster boards were made and on display at the Coliseum Candlelight Walk weekend. It was the kick of a new vision for the downtown building facades.

Website: Working on being able to make payments for w/s bills and fines online.

TIF District: A digital copy of the proposed TIF District was sent to the members. In it had the time frame each step needs to be completed. With public hearing set for February 14, 2017.

Economic Development Position: Sam has been working on marketing & the information from KMK. She had handouts for everyone. New businesses and residents interested in moving to Oregon would receive this packet. This will also be on the city website once finalized.

Municode: Mayor and City Attorney have a phone conference coming up.

Oregon Together: Working on bylaws for the Committee.

A lot going on right now with the proposed TIF District and Riverfront Zoning. Thirty people attended the informational meeting last night for the TIF District.

Terry, Sam, and a few businesses owners met to brain storm what they would like see in the downtown area.

New members are still needed for this committee so if you have anyone in mind that would like to be involved let Don know.

Don gave an update on the Counties Detention project with addition of data studies included in the process.

Meeting adjourned. Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourned at 6:10 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe