

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday March 7, 2017 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Erin Folk, Samantha Anderson, Merlin Hageman, and Rebecca Hazzard.

Absent: Pat Donahue, Tom Mahoney, Andrew Dettman, Aaron Sitze, Terry Schuster, and John VonTish.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order. He thanked Samantha and Rebecca for coming a board on the committee.

Minutes: Minutes from January 3, 2017 and February 7, 2017.

Budget: Terry will have at the next meeting

County Enterprise Zone: Don gave everyone a copy of the Ogle County Enterprise map. The boundaries have been set and a board was just formed so they will be meeting to discuss tax incentives and different project to work on.

Chris Manheim (Manheim Solutions) and Roger Hopkins (Hopkins Solutions) have helped other communities with Economic Development Projects. Pulaski Road Retail Development Marketing Plan for the City of Alsip, Village of Lansing Economic Development Consulting Service, DeKalb Retail Attraction & Expansion, ACT Work Keys Job Profiling for Mayor Employers, and Appleton Economic Development Strategic Plan. These are just a few different projects that they have helped develop. Don thanked them for coming and talking to the committee.

Impact Fees: Mayor handed out a spread sheet on impact fees. He asked everyone to look over and will discuss at the next meeting. Copies will be forwarded to the members that are absent. He would like a recommendation from this Committee for the Council to vote on in May as to what should be done with impact fees. Settler's Ridge Subdivision has been sold; however, a contract has not been signed yet. Once it is signed the Mayor will meet with the developer.

TIF District: The TIF Ordinances were passed by the City Council. Ryan Hopper has filled out an application for funds to renovate the old movie theater.

Website: Nothing new to report and this time.

Peace Corp Intern: The intern that would have been available has taken a full-time position so must wait until January of 2018 when other interns will be available.

Spread sheet progress:

Business Recruitment: Merlin and Terry have been working on; however, nothing to report now.

Economic Development Sam Anderson:

She showed everyone the sample folder that was put together for marketing our community. A drone video of the town has been completed she was hoping to be able to show tonight; however, technology won't work now. Will have ready for next month's meeting. A host training for community leaders will be March 29th in the Council Room Chambers at City Hall.

Oregon Together: A movie night (Trolls) is scheduled for February 17th at the Coliseum sponsored by Hoppers Poppers.

Oregon Chocolate Walk is Thursday March 9th from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the downtown area. Thirty-four participating businesses so far.

They are also working on ways to promote antique shops, vintage shops, and second hand stores.

Mayor Ken Williams announced that a World War 2 reenactment will be taking place at Stronghold Castle the third weekend in May. They currently do an event at Midway Village in Rockford.

March 9th at 7:00 pm the Long-Range Planning Committee for Ogle County will be holding a public meeting for the proposed Jail on South 6th Street between Washington and Jefferson Street.

Don is concerned about not having a quorum for the last two meetings. Might possible need to look at alternates. Mayor Ken Williams asked Charlene to write a letter to Andy Dettman to see if he's still interested on being on the committee and if not is someone on the Library Board interested.

Meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:47 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe