

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday May 2, 2017 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Samantha Anderson, Merlin Hageman, Tom Mahoney, Terry Schuster, and John VonTish.

Absent: Erin Folk, Pat Donahue, Rebecca Hazzard, and Aaron Sitze.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: April 4, 2017

Budget: Terry is considering other resources for income. Current balance about seventy thousand.

Settler's Ridge Subdivision

A speck home and duplex are going to be built by Ambassador Homes. In lieu of impact fees being waived the Park District is going to be installing playground equipment in the subdivision. Owner is in the process of changing the subdivision name and are working on the covenants.

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.

Riverfront Zone: Nothing to report right now.

Website: Video drone attached to website.

Marketing Plan Update: Facebook blast through the Chamber of Commerce, folders delivered to employers and hotels in the area. In the future hope to show the video drone on a downtown building. Training on hold for LOIS waiting on other communities.

Mayor Ken Williams & Terry visited the town of Geneseo. They have an art gallery that offers a three to four-day class, which brings in people to stay overnight and spend money.

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 projects to work on. Tom Mahoney moved to enter

into the Enterprise Zone this will be a great tool to help businesses, Seconded by John VonTish.

Discussion: This will not need Council approval. Next meeting date to be determined Don will let everyone know once he finds out.

Motion carried no Nays.

Oregon Together: Currently working on the Rockin River Fest, which will be June 17th. Fliers for the event were handed out to the area businesses.

Don announced that Aaron Sitze has resigned, they have just had a baby and feels he won't have time to devote to the committee. Aaron was the VP of the committee. Tom Mahoney moved to approve Sam Anderson as the VP, seconded by Terry Schuster.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:48 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe