

Tuesday June 6, 2017 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Samantha Anderson, Merlin Hageman, Terry Schuster, Erin Folk, Pat Donahue, Rebecca Hazzard.

Absent: Tom Mahoney and John VonTish.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Pat Donahue moved to approve the May 2, 2017 minutes, seconded by Merlin Hageman.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Budget: Nothing new. Steve Varble is working on a tourism page for website.

Settler's Ridge Subdivision

A speck home and duplex are being built by Ambassador Homes.

TIF District: Nothing to report now.

Riverfront Zone: Nothing to report now.

Website: Terry had a handed out of comparing data from June of 2016 to June of 2017. More hits from Rockford and Dekalb area. Also working on a Facebook link of actives and events.

Marketing Plan Update: Sam has been working on a Facebook blast and delivering folders to employers. She also announced that she will be moving out of the area effective end of July. She has been working with Terry to put a job description together for the position.

County Enterprise Zone: Roger Hopkins of Hopkins Solutions, handed out a map of the possible properties to have in the Enterprise Zone. The properties included outside of city limits would not be annexed just have zoning benefits. If the proposed map is ok with the committee it will still require approval from Ogle and Lee County. Don cautioned that the process of creating the map is in the beginning stage of the project. GIS will create a

better map and property owners will need to be contacted. We will update next month.

Don gave an update on the County regional economic development plan and asked Roger Hopkins to explain the beginning process and benefits for communities to be involved in the venture of the communities and County working together. Don asked if we were ready to support this plan; however, Erin felt not enough information yet to move forward.

Terry Schuster made a motion for Roger Hopkins and Chris Manheim to come up with a proposal of services and fees for the Cities investment in the Ogle County Economic Development Regional Plan, Seconded by Pat Donahue.

Don asked Roger to provide a frame work of services and fee structure to be provided for the County and all the communities. Don said the plan would also be presented to the County Board this month.

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. Blackhawk Waterway has given a grant to the festival in the amount of two thousand four hundred dollars.

Electric has been put in the area on North 2nd Street, which can be used for future events and festivals. The property it is on is owned by the Oregon Fire Protection District.

Meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:39 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe