

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday June 7, 2016 5:00 PM

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

Absent: Andrew Dettman and Aaron Sitze.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Approved March minutes from May 3, 2016. Motion carried. No Nays.

Budget:

Terry handed out a report on income and expenses for Economic Development. Not much has changed since last month.

Website update: Mayor, Terry, and Steve Varble have been working on website should be able to view by next end of this week.

Spread sheet progress:

Comprehensive Plan: Will be on next week's Council Agenda to be approved. After approval copies will be given to City Committee members, at City Hall, on website, and Chamber of Commerce.

KMK-kit for new businesses. Mayor and Terry will be working on more information to give them so this will slow up the process a bit. Terry will be in contact with them tomorrow.

Settler' Ridge Subdivision: Bank is preparing a contract with realtor Sharon Bower's from Nieman & Dickerson to manage moving forward with selling lots. Not signed as of yet. Mayor will be contacting the Bank President to see where they are at with the contract.

Façade Designs: Lingle Design Group and Teska & Assoc. will be putting proposals together for downtown facade designs. Nothing new to report now.

Codebook: Mayor handed out a schedule of the legal review of the city codes. Will take up to a year to complete. He and the City Attorney will be reviewing the process.

Parking Design: Banners were placed in the downtown showing the direction to city parking lots.

TIF District: Mayor handed out a project schedule that Teska & Assoc. has put together on the time frame to put together a TIF District in the downtown. Typical time process range is four to six months.

It was suggested that the Mapping Group forward their minutes of their meetings so that we know what projects they are working on.

Mayor handed out a brochure he is having printed to put in the area parks to promote tourism. Also a brochure from Bike Ogle County was handed out they have been printed and will be in various business in the downtown.

Merlin has shirts and mugs to sell at his store with the Bike Ogle Logo on them.

Don has been talking to members of the Economic Development Committee in Mt. Morris, He would like set up a joint meeting with them to see what they have been working on and to see if any projects can be worked on by both committees.

Don Mann wrote a grant for the School District to raise revenue to help rural communities. This funding will help for future projects.

Tom Mahoney moved to adjourn, Seconded by John VonTish. Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourned at 5:35 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe