

*ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee*

Monday July 11, 2016 5:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Don Griffin, Merlin Hageman, Tom Mahoney, Terry Schuster, Aaron Sitze, and John VonTish.

**Absent:** Erin Folk and Andrew Dettman.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Tom Golden turned his resignation from the committee. He has been working out of state a lot. He wishes the committee much continued success.

**Minutes:**

Approved minutes from June 7, 2016. Motion carried. No Nays.

**Budget:**

Terry handed out a report on income and expenses for Economic Development.

**Website update:** The City Website is up and running. So far nine hundred viewers. The city will be able to get monthly updates as to where views are from and what they are looking at on the website.

**Spread sheet progress:**

**Comprehensive Plan:** Was approved by City Council.

**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 has signed a contract with realtor Sharon Bower's from Nieman & Dickerson to manage moving forward with selling lots. Council approval will be needed to accept the subdivision once the utilities are completed.

**Facade Designs:** Lingle Design Group and Teska & Assoc. will be putting proposals together for downtown facade designs should have ready at the next meeting.

**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.

**TIF District:** Mayor will be setting up times August 2, 2016 with a consult to meet with Council members, Committee members from Plan Commission and Economic Development, and department heads to discuss what a TIF District is and what it can do for our downtown area. Mayor will email members time and place of meetings.

Don attended a seminar the power point presentation was sent to the member's email addresses.

The Committee would like to see someone hired for an Economic Development Position. Tom Golden was looking into this; however, since he resigned Terry will be checking on an internship position.

Tom Mahoney moved to look into hiring an inter for an Economic Development position for the City of Oregon, Seconded by John VonTish. Motion carried. No Nays.

Beth Henderson, owner of Eagles Nest, will be at the next meeting to discuss tourism.

The Mapping Group will be having a community block party August 28<sup>th</sup> by the Coliseum.

Don asked if you know of anybody that wants to join this committee please let him know. He would like to see possibly someone from Etnyre, Blout, and a business owner.

It was brought up that the Economic Development Committee should have an article in newspaper of the different projects they have completed. John and Terry will be working on that.

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

Adjourned at 6:08 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe