

Wednesday July 12, 2017 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Merlin Hageman, Terry Schuster, Erin Folk, Rebecca Hazzard, John VonTish.

Absent: Pat Donahue and Tom Mahoney.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Merlin Hagemann moved to approve the June 6, 2017 minutes, seconded by Erin Folk.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Budget: Revenue for project year is about \$40,000.00. Currently have about \$37,800.00 in account. Expenses: salary for Sam's replacement, Peace Corp. Intern, and possibly some for other consultants if needed.

Settler's Ridge Subdivision

Rebecca announced that the covenants for the subdivision is being reviewed by their attorney.

TIF District: Nothing to report now.

Riverfront Zone: Mayor and Terry are working on recruiting businesses; however, takes time. Hoping to have more festival in that area. That will also bring people to the community.

Website: Working on a Facebook link of actives and events that are happening in the community. Will be videoing the last brown bag concert so that this could be on the website.

Marketing Plan Update: Sunrise Restaurant is going to be updating the Façade for their building. Sam was using LOIS will need to find someone to take that over. Will be putting an ad in local newspapers for a part time Economic Development Person to replace Sam. Since Sam is gone will need to have a Vice Chair. Terry Schuster moved to have Erin Folk be the Vice Chair, Seconded by Merlin Hagemann.

Motion carried. No Nays.

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. Roger, Mayor, and Don will be meeting to discuss what areas should be included in the Enterprise Zone.

County Economic Development Plan

Don gave an update on communities joining the county plan. Roger Hopkins stated with the agreement, the County's share would not exceed 40% of all costs, 30% split equally with the participating municipalities, and 30% by the private sector. The first phase before obtaining sufficient private sector support, the County share would not exceed \$1,600 per month, while the participating municipalities would be \$1,200.00. Four communities have commented. So, Oregon's share would be about \$300.00 a month. Monthly reports will be given to the participating communities.

John VonTish moved to recommend to the City Council the Economic Development Services Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, Seconded by Merlin Hagemann.

Motion carried no Nays.

Oregon Together: The festival was a success and broke even considering the weather wasn't so great that day. Already working on the festival for next year.

Erin asked about Business recruiting. Roger Hopkins said this is something his business can help with.

Meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 6:13PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe