

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday August 1, 2017 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Merlin Hageman, Terry Schuster, Jon Von Tish, and Tom Mahoney.

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

Also present: Mayor-Ken Williams, Roger Hopkins, Ryan Hopper, and Cheryl Hilton.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Don Griffin moved to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes, seconded by Merlin Hagemann.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Budget: Nothing new to report now.

Settlers Ridge Subdivision: Council approved signs. Waiting on covenants. There are two lots that there is an interest in being purchased. Need to remind Rebecca that the impact fees expire in 12 months.

TIF District: Mayor Ken Williams said he may have two new additions and Merlin Hagemann possibly one new addition.

Riverfront Zone: Nothing new to report now.

Website: Terry Schuster added a blurb to the website, Chillin' In Oregon. Don Griffin mentioned that there are meeting minutes missing from the website.

Marketing Plan Update: Terry Schuster commented that we will be looking for a replacement for Sam. ¼ time person through the end of the year. With possible intern position.

ECDC Positions: Ryan Hopper attended meeting with interest to join committee.

County Enterprise Zone: Properties in the Enterprise Zone currently equal 372 acres. 230 of those acres overlap TIF district. Need to limit the acreage by 100-150 acres. Mayor mentioned that we need to work with existing businesses and what their plans for the next 5 to 10 years are. There is a lot of acreage to gain from the larger industrial areas such as E.D. Etnyre, F.N. Smith, Woods, Unimen, and H.A. International. Mayor also commented that the idea is to try to create new construction for the city. Especially in areas on Pines Road. Pines road would

need to be rezoned as commercial/industrial. That would need to be approved by the council. Don stated that there is an Enterprise meeting on August 9th he will be attending.

County Economic Development Plan: Roger stated that he will be attending a conference on Thursday to provide more information to the committee. Communities to participate so far include Mt. Morris, Stillman Valley, Polo, Davis Junction, and Oregon. Monthly reports will be given to each community as well as the priorities of each community. This will be very beneficial to all communities participating. Don stated that this would be a great networking opportunity as well. Mayor Ken Williams said the city has agreed to work together with the county. Decision was unanimous.

Oregon Together: Tom said that the Rockin' River Fest was a success. He is currently working on the block party that is coming up on the 27th of August at the coliseum. Terry mentioned that he would need to get a mass gathering permit for the event. No need for a street closure permit as they are not closing off the street. Tom also stated that the WWII reenactment is coming up as well. The next meeting is the 15th of August.

Mayor received a publication, State of the Workforce. It includes seven counties including Ogle. He will send out copies for all committee members to look at.

Terry will be attending a Community Development Conference next week in Moline. This will be his second year attending.

Meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:25 PM

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton