

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Monday August 2, 2016 5:00 PM

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

Absent: Andrew Dettman.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes:

Approved minutes from July 11, 2016. Motion carried. No Nays.

Chris Madden, a member of Oregon Together, spoke about the River Cleanup they are planning to do. They are looking for volunteers to help collect litter in and along the Rock River north and south of the dam. He asked if the City would be willing to write a letter to Department of Natural Resources asking if they would be willing to clean up the land on the west end of the dam.

Tom Mahoney moved that a letter be written to DNR Office asking if they would be willing to clean up the west end of the Dam, Seconded by John VonTish.
Motion carried. No Nays

Budget:

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

Spread sheet progress:

KMK-kit for new businesses. Progress is being made; however reworking format of documents.

Settler' Ridge Subdivision: Signs to be going up this week with realtor Sharon Bowers being the contact person. Still waiting for ComEd to finish work on the lift station. This will need to be completed before the city accepts the subdivision.

Façade Designs: Lingle Design Group and Teska & Assoc. will be putting proposals together for downtown facade designs should have ready at the next meeting. Mayor will be checking on progress.

TIF District: Jon VonTish moved to recommend to the City Council that the city proceed with developing a TIF District, Seconded by Merlin Hageman. Motion carried. No Nays.

Terry is still working on hiring an intern; however, this takes time. What about possibly hiring someone for Tourism. Currently Greg Sparrow is currently the Ogle County Economic Development Person. Don mentioned hiring someone for City Hall so that would give the City Clerk more time to work on Economic Development projects.

“Oregon Together” will be having a community block party August 28th by the Coliseum. They will be having live music, a Town Meeting, exhibits and games, and a “Taste of Oregon” food court.

Tom Mahoney moved to recommend to the City Council appointing Pat Donahue to this committee, Seconded by Erin Folk. Motion carried. No Nays.

Two new businesses will be coming to the down town, “Village Bakery” in the corner building at 3rd Street & Washington, and “Hoppers Poppers” at 108 N 4th Street.

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

Adjourned at 5:46 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe