

*ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee*

Tuesday September 6, 2016 5:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Don Griffin, Pat Donahue, Erin Folk, Merlin Hageman, Tom Mahoney, Terry Schuster.

**Absent:** Andrew Dettman, Aaron Sitze, and John VonTish.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:**

Approved minutes from August 2, 2016. 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 are up 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.

**Website**

Website is up and running, New things being added. Terry also handed out a data sheet of where the hits to the website are coming from. Sterling, Chicago, and Chicago land suburbs.

Mayor Ken Williams handed out a sample application for TIF district benefits. This will be filled out by businesses wanting to apply for financing in the district. Consultants will be putting together a time line for approving the applications.

A Job Fair will be at the Coliseum September 22, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Tom Mahoney moved to recommend to the City Council to support employment of a part-time Economic Staff Person to assist with marketing and business recruitment, Seconded by Erin Folk. Motion carried. No Nays.

Oregon Together block party had about 200-300 people attend. They are in the process of forming a 5013C.

Don announced that Ogle County is trying to get an Enterprise zone set up in the County.

Municode, who is updating our city codes, presented a packet to the City Attorney for his review.

IDOT has appointed an engineer to work on bike paths in Ogle County.

Adjourned meeting. Motion carried. No Nays.

Adjourned at 5:52 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe