

*ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee*

Tuesday September 4, 2018 5:00 PM

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

**Absent:** Pat Donahue, Ryan Hopper, and Rebecca Hazzard.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** June 5, 2018 & August 7, 2018 minutes were approved.

**Budget:** Waiting on final audit from last fiscal year to update.

**County Enterprise Zone:** City Council had public hearing and approved Enterprise Zone Ordinance. Will need to send to the other communities that are in the zone and then send for state approval. Hopefully will be approved by year end.

**Mayor spread sheet:**

LOIS- It's an ongoing project.

Business recruitment-Mayor would like to set up a meeting with Roger & Chris.

Street Scape downtown got grant approval for the engineering costs. Now engineers are working on a grant to complete the project.

Applying for a grant for LED lights for the downtown on Washington Street.

River Road property owner (referred to as the Dirksen farm) asked if a variance for storm water would be available from City. Willett, Hofmann & Assoc, City Engineers, said that would not be a good idea. Owner will need to investigate other options.

Dayton Superior is closing hoping to work with the realtor to market as Riverfront Property. Will also have Farrah put on LOIS.

**Ogle County Economic Development**

Roger and Chris will be attending a retail trade show at Navy Pier.

The 5013C the Village of Polo had can't be used so looking for another organization that is dormant and could possible use theirs. Would like to create a board from the communities that have committed. Looking for private sector support.

**TIF District:**

TIF-Public restroom construction has started hope to have completed by Autumn on Parade weekend. The Mayor got plaques to present to the two banks that donated funds. Also ordered one to be put on the building. Will have a ribbon cutting once completed.

**Riverfront Zone:** Nothing new to report.

**Website:** Sam Anderson put a face book blast together for September and will be another in October.

**Marketing Plan Update:** Nothing new to report

**Intern:** Farrah was unable to make meeting tonight. She is working on a survey for volunteers. Tom Mahoney asked when her internship is up. End of November. He also wanted to know if the city was looking into another intern. Possibly, can check with Western Illinois University or Northern Illinois University. He feels this has helped the city move forward.

**Oregon Together:** Terry and a group of people will be cleaning up the area behind Coliseum, known as Phelps Park. River Sweep has been cancelled for this weekend because of the river being so high. Has not been rescheduled at this time.

Coil Craft is expanding to the South so won't lose riverfront property. Dayton Superior closed going to see if they will market as Riverfront Zoning.

Don also asked if the restructure of the membership could be a part of the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe

ECDC Membership changed from 12 members to 7 regular members and 3 alternate members.

### Current Membership

Category	Member
Chamber of commerce*	John Von Tish
Park district*	Erin Folk
School district*	Tom Mahoney
City council – Finance Commissioner*	Terry Schuster
County board*	Don Griffin
Library*	NONE
Retail	Merlin Hagemann
Retail	Ryan Hopper
Real Estate	Rebecca Hazzard
Banking	Pat Donahue

\*Required membership category

### Recommended Membership – Full Member Status

Category	Member
Chamber of commerce*	John Von Tish
Park district*	Erin Folk
School district*	Tom Mahoney
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### Recommended Membership – Alternate Member Status

Category	Member
Library*	NONE
Retail	Ryan Hopper
Banking	Pat Donahue

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