*ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee*

Wednesday July 10, 2019 5:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:** Chairman Don Griffin, Robin Etnyre, Terry Schuster, John VonTish, Erin Folk, and Rebecca Hazzard.

**Absent:** Pat Donahue and Tom Mahoney.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:**  Approved minutes from May 7, 2019 and June 4, 2019.

Motion carried. No Nays.

**Budget:** The City Council passed the budget at last night’s Council meeting. At the next meeting Terry will have an update for this fiscal year.

**County Enterprise Zone:** Mayor Ken Williams gave applications to Marc Mongan for his property at 1000 Pines Rd and Athetico purchased the property next to them that was the Pet Shop 118 N 3rd Street. He also gave them copies of the TIF application.

**Consulting Services Proposal:** Roger Hopkins and Chris Manheim handed out copies of their Consulting Services Proposal. They would be working on sales and marketing services, organize maps and information on utilities, maintain an inventory of prospects that include existing and new retailers and businesses, assisting with negotiations on economic development projects, would provide monthly deliverables, and provide at least 20 hours per month of on-site City staff time. Their rate is $100.00 per hour. John VonTish moved to approve the Consulting Services Proposal from Manheim Solutions in collaboration with Hopkins Solutions, Seconded by Robin Etnyre.

Motion carried. No Nays.

**Ogle County Economic Development:**

Chris Manheim and Roger Hopkins handed out agendas for the boot camp, it will be August 15th at Park District facility on S 5th Street from 8-11 am and the Public Private Partnership will be August 27th also at Park District Facility from 8am to 1pm. They will be inviting ECDC members, businesses, and protentional stakeholders.

**Mayor’s report:** Mayor Williams has a potential new committee member Phil Lehmann of Harvard State Bank. He will put on the next Council Agenda to approve him being appointed to the committee.

He also had pictures of signs with different fonts and colors that say “Historic Downtown” they will be put at the corner of 5th Street and Rt 64 at the old drive-in building the city purchased. Would like to stay with the same color pallet that is at the Coliseum building. Committee members suggested adding Blackhawk Statue to the sign and stay consist with other signs.

**TIF District:** Two applications have been given out to Marc Mongan & Athetico.

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

**Website:** Commissioner Terry Schuster handed out an activity sheet of how many views we had on the city website. We have had an increase of 60% between the years of 2016 to current. That’s awesome!

**Chamber Director:** Membership has increased. Liz the new director has been working on projects so the members can get more value out for the membership.

**Oregon Together:**  Committee members have been pulling weeds in the downtown area and put flowers around the Welcome to Oregon Signs.

The Blackhawk Statue is going to be unwrapped shortly and scaffolding put up. They are trying to match the color that is already on statue this will expand the life of statue. Hoping to be completed in six weeks. Weather permitted.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Meeting adjourned 5:47 pm

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe