*ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee*

Tuesday October 1, 2019 5:00 PM

**Committee Members Present:** Robin Etnyre, Terry Schuster, Rebecca Hazzard, Tom Mahoney, Phil Lehmann, and John VonTish.

**Absent:** Chairman Don Griffin and Erin Folk.

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

Tom Mahoney called the meeting to order

**Public comment:** No.

**Minutes:**  Approved minutes from September 3, 2019.

Motion carried. No Nays.

**Budget:** Terry handed out a history of revenues and expenditures for the Economic Development account.

**County Enterprise Zone:** Meeting is scheduled for next week.

**Consulting Services Proposal:** Roger and Chris have been busy this past month. Prepared a Project Tracking list for attraction prospects, loading key documents to the drobox, reviewing retail tax summaries, continuing meeting with Chamber about its downtown programs, drafting marketing materials, revising LOIS data, reviewing housing data, continue outreach to realtors, banks, and businesses, and discuss strategies for TIF district.

**Façade Grant Applications:** Received two applications from Father & Son Restaurant. Wiesner’s have purchased the Messenger building next to Father & Son, trying to decide what they plan to do to building fix or possible tear down. No action needed on applications yet. When ready will go over the color façade recommended by the City.

Cindy Bunger of the Flower Patch asked if she could apply to redo the back entrance of her building. Terry will get in touch with her to go over her improvement plan.

**Ogle County Economic Development:** No meeting scheduled at this time.

**TIF District:** Wiggale’s presented a plan for their building at 404 W Washington for a fitness place. The main floor is currently an empty shell no walls to take down. The total cost for renovations will be about seventy to eighty thousand. This would be for the first and second floors. Estimated tax for over twenty-three-year period would be around eighty-six thousand, which is the life of the TIF. Mayor Williams is suggesting the City contribute fifty thousand out of the TIF fund when the project is completed. This will also need approval from TIF consults.

Robin Etnyre moved to contribute fifty thousand dollars out of the TIF fund to Wiggales for the improvements to the building at 404 W Washington Street when completed, Seconded by John Von Tish.

Motion Carried. No nays.

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

**Website:** Nothing new to report.

**Chamber:** John VonTish said the Chamber has formed a young professional group that meets once a month. This past month they met at the dog park.

**Oregon Together:**  Their monthly meeting is scheduled for this Thursday night at

Cork-n-Tap.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Meeting adjourned 5:34 pm

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe