

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday February 4, 2020 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Griffin, Tom Mahoney, Phil Lehmann, Rebecca Hazzard, John VonTish, and Terry Schuster.

Absent: Erin Folk and Robin Etnyre.

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

Don Griffin called the meeting to order. Will wait to vote on anything when a quorum is present.

Don asked if we want to investigate adding more members or changing the number of members on the committee. Mayor Williams said that City Code has the membership at seven with an alternate would just need to decide who would be an alternate.

Phil Lehman & John VonTish arrived.

Public comment: None.

Minutes: Approved October, November of 2019 and January 2020 minutes.
Motion carried no Nays.

Budget: Nothing new.

County Enterprise Zone: Meeting tomorrow February 5th 10:00 am in Rochelle. Proposal from Northern Illinois University on housing. Would like to get a couple of other bids. We need more middle-class housing in the area. The question was asked can the school handle more development in Oregon. Tom Mahoney said yes, the school would be able to.

Mayor Williams announced that the Alfano's have took out an Enterprise Zone Application for the apartments they are remodeling in the second story of the Commerce Building at the corner of Rt 64 and Rt 2.

Consulting Services Proposal: Roger and Chris have been working on updating the tracking list for attraction prospects, uploading key references to drop box, LOIS, working with the area Colleges and local realtors on housing and work force issues.

Mayor's Report: Dollar General is interested in the property just south of the NAPA Store on Rt 64. We currently have one on Pines Rd they are looking for a second

location. Do we want that at the entrance of our Community? Require upscale signage? Would a second store take away from other businesses? Mayor will be talking to them and they are also the same chain as an Aldi's Store.

The east side Laundry Mat has closed. It was aging out. Would like to consider another location for one we currently have another one on South 4th Street across from McDonald's.

Have a request for a Cannabis infuser business. The applicates were looking at the old Carnation Property on South 2nd Street. Mayor Williams would prefer that it's not at that location since it's Riverfront Zoning. He will be suggesting other locations. Once they find a place will require a special use application.

Movie Theater Building on North 4th Street is being looked at by an investor in California.

Façade Grant Applications: Terry met with each applicant individually to go over their application. All have been approved just waiting until Spring so that the work can be completed at each location.

Ogle County Economic Development: No meeting scheduled at this time still working on moving forward since the County has a new board chairman.

TIF District: Nothing new to report.

Riverfront Zone: Nothing new to report.

Website: Nothing new to report.

Chamber: On going educational sessions are taking place. St Patrick's Day Event is being planned.

Oregon Together: Will be having a Chocolate Walk sometime this year.

Mayor Williams announced that the City Council will be having a working session at the Coliseum February 5th to discuss the CMAAA Lease for the Coliseum Building

Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe