

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday January 7, 2020 5:00 PM

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

Absent: Erin Folk, Rebecca Hazzard, Robin Etnyre, and John VonTish.

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

Don Griffin called the meeting to order with a quorum not being present will not be able to vote on anything.

Don asked do we want to investigate adding more members, so we have quorum present for the meetings. Mayor Williams and Commissioner Schuster will be looking into what needs to be done.

Terry Schuster arrived.

Public comment: None.

Minutes: Reviewed.

Budget: Balance in ECDC fund thirty-two thousand and will have two more quarterly franchise fees yet this fiscal year.

County Enterprise Zone: Working on a housing study cost unknown, Next meeting is February 5th 10:00 am in Rochelle.

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. Finding that subdivisions have been platted and then just sitting out there nothing being done. Trying to find out where people are living that work in the area. Would like to market living here, we have good schools and a safe place to live.

Façade Grant Applications: Have several on file. Terry will be meeting with each applicant individually to go over their application.

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: Wiggales have received forty-three thousand for the improvements to the building at 404 W Washington Street, which as of Jan 1st has a fitness center that has opened for business.

Mayor Williams would like to change the zoning along 3rd Street between Washington and Jefferson Street from Residential Zoning to Commercial. Would like to purchase the property midway in the block owned by Richard Haan for an additional parking lot. This Committee won't need to vote on just want to let you know. Will take to Plan Commission meeting on Jan 21st.

Riverfront Zone: Nothing new to report.

Website: Nothing new to report.

Chamber: Will have Liz add ECDC members to her email blast that goes out on Fridays.

Oregon Together: The Event they had at Cork and Tap earned about thousand dollars toward the restoration of the Blackhawk Statue. Working on an event that will be at North Side BBQ.

Mayor Williams announced that he would like to see on the next election ballot to change the form of government to City Manager Form. Roger Cain has expressed that he would help in any way to get the word out.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 pm

Submitted by City Clerk Charlene Ruthe