

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday May 5th, 2020 5:00 PM

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

Absent: Erin Folk, Rebecca Hazzard, and John Von Tish.

Also, present: Darin DeHaan, Chris Manheim, Mayor-Ken Williams, Dan Payette, Liz Vos, Kim Wetzel, and Cheryl Hilton.

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Tom Mahoney moved to approve the March 3rd, 2020 minutes, seconded by Phil Lehmann.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Terry Schuster moved to approve the April 7th, 2020 minutes, seconded by Phil Lehmann.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Public Comment: None.

Budget: Terry Schuster reported on the Economic Development budget. Video gaming and higher numbers for sales taxes for the city have affected the budget. He stated that the budget will likely be lower next year due to the video gaming venues being closed.

Terry Schuster also reported on the TIF budget. Contractual services for the Reign XT property were approximately \$50,000.00 but he says this cost will be recovered over the next few years. An increase in property tax will be beneficial to the committee. Upcoming projects that will be coming out of this fund include a walkway, landscaping, and a water extension service.

Oregon Enterprise Zone: Mayor Ken Williams said that the City Council passed a resolution for the Solar Farm that will be adjacent to the City of Dixon.

Update on Consulting Services-Hopkins/Manheim, Renew Contract Services: Chris stated that they will continue working as they have been. Renewal of the service contract with Hopkins & Manheim will be moved to the City Council to be approved.

Economic & SBA Help and Loans: Chris Manheim said that he has been focusing his time on the SBA economic stability efforts and that lenders have been very cooperative. Preapplications were just turned in and they have about 10 applicants. The City would receive about \$25,000.00 for each applicant that is approved.

TIF Update/Façade Grant: Mayor Ken Williams said that the Façade Grant for Rebecca Hazzard's property was approved at the last City Council meeting.

Update Plan on Maintenance Project: Mayor Ken Williams stated that the old Dayton Superior is being purchased by the City and will have closing procedures on the 15th of May. The City will save around \$700,000.00 by not building a new street garage. This will also allow the City to have control of the Riverfront there.

Chamber News/Report: Liz Vos reported that most of her time has been spent on helping local businesses with grant applications. The Chamber also has a new member, Meg Miller. Meg is hoping to do educational seminars for local businesses. Terry asked about the status of the Everyone is Essential Campaign. Liz said that there is just under \$2,000.00 in sales and donations. Terry would like to see the funds from this campaign go towards benefiting all the downtown businesses with a possible marketing campaign that would invite people to the area. Chris said that they would be happy to help with the marketing campaign. Mayor Ken Williams said that the governor released a new schedule for when cities can start to reopen and that we need to see how this will affect us. Terry said that he saw a lot of bicyclists in town this past weekend and they were supporting local businesses.

Oregon Together Report/Community Events: Terry said that all events have been cancelled through the fall.

Other Business/Discussion: Terry asked if anyone had heard about plans of still having AOP and Candlelight walk? Ken said that the Governor's new recovery plan has multiple phases and puts the City in phase 2. No changes to our current situation could happen until at least the 28th of May. He also stated that the City will be submitting a plan for our area. He expects some communities to move forward on their own and individual business owners to reopen their businesses. Don Griffin said that the Health Department may release more information when it is available. Kim Wetzel said that the governor created different zones so that there was sufficient medical support. Don reported that he is mimicking what the City is doing on the County level.

Don thanked Rick McCause for joining the committee.

Meeting adjourned 5:43 PM

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Cheryl Hilton