

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday July 7th, 2020 5:00 PM

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

Absent: Rebecca Hazzard and John Von Tish.

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

Chairman Don Griffin called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Phil Lehmann moved to approve the June 2nd, 2020 minutes, seconded by Tom Mahoney.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Public Comment: None.

Budget: No report.

Harvard Bank Covid-19 Impact Fund: Phil Lehmann reported that Harvard Bank provided funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the City to help with the impact of Covid-19. He said that if the community does better it benefits the bank as well. Tom Mahoney said that the Oregon School District also received funds from Harvard Bank, and he was grateful. Mayor Ken Williams stated that the funds could be used to aid the local businesses through Roger Hopkins and Chris Manheim's consulting services. Chris Manheim said that the CDBG program still has available funds.

Request for Public Space: Mayor Ken Williams said that he was contacted by Liz Vos from the Chamber of Commerce. Local businesses are still using the public space to serve alcohol on City property. Phil Lehmann said that we need to do what we can to keep the businesses going and asked what the time frame would be. Mayor Ken Williams said that the time frame would be up to the City. He stated that the City Council was looking for a recommendation from the ECDC Committee.

Tom Mahoney moved to recommend extending the use of public space to the City Council, Seconded by Erin Folk.

Motion Carried. No Nays.

Oregon Enterprise Zone: None.

Economic & SBA Help and Loans: Chris Manheim included a monthly report to the Committee. Roger and Chris are continuing to follow up on the grants. Terry Schuster said that the State would provide money towards high speed internet for the rural movement for high speed internet to the development south of town. Chris Manheim said that Blackhawk Hills is working on this. Terry Schuster asked if CMAAA had a job description developed yet for a museum director. Tom Mahoney said that they are focusing on getting the committee up and running first.

River Front: Mayor Ken Williams said a developer, Hvarre, is looking to provide a housing development within the city. They have built homes in Dixon and price points are around \$139,000.00.

Rural Relocation Discussion: Mayor Ken Williams said there are more people working from home. Many of them do not want to travel into larger cities. These people may want to relocate to rural areas. Don Griffin said that the pandemic really put this into perspective.

TIF Update/Façade Grant: Mayor Ken Williams said that the awning at the Wiggale building is coming down. The micro-brewery project is underway with a goal to be finished by the end of the year.

Chamber News/Community Events: Terry Schuster reported that there was a 20% increase in the amount of times the Cities website was accessed since the good Day Stateline featuring Oregon was aired on local TV. Mayor Ken Williams said that Iron Mike is freshly painted and that the project has started. Don Griffin said that everything with the County is ready to go.

Brainstorming: Don Griffin would like everyone to think about goals for the Committee to work towards for the next meeting.

Other Business: Mayor Ken Williams asked Tom Mahoney about the expectations of parents of children who do not want to send the children back in the fall. Tom Mahoney said that they do not want to damage the children. Some parents are opting for homeschooling. The school district hopes to have a plan for the school day by Friday. Erin Folk said that the parks are open, and Nash will reopen July 8th. Residents are required to follow guidelines and are required to reserve times to use the building. Darin DeHaan said that the hours for City Hall are now 8-4:30. He is reconsidering the date to reopen City Hall.

Meeting adjourned 5:39 PM

Submitted by Deputy Clerk Cheryl Hilton