

***ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee***

**Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 5:00 PM**

**Committee Members Present:** Don Griffin, Terry Schuster, and Liz Vos.

**Also, present:** Darin DeHaan, Cheryl Hilton, Chris Manheim, Mayor Ken Williams, and Kurt Wilson.

**Present via Zoom:** Erin Folk, Rebecca Hazzard, Phil Lehmann, Pamela Lopez, Tom Mahoney, and Heather Wick.

Don Griffin called the meeting to order and called roll at 5:00 pm.

Erin Folk moved to approve minutes from April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Seconded by Phil Lehmann.

Motion carried. No nays.

Pamela Lopez-Fettes and Heather Wick with Growth Dimensions Economic Development for Belvidere and Boone County presented to the ECDC Committee. They discussed website and social media strategies that have been successful for them and offered advice to the committee.

Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant for Hazel's Cafe, Seconded by Tom Mahoney.

Motion carried. No nays.

Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant for River's Edge Experience, Seconded by Tom Mahoney.

**Discussion:** They will receive the full amount of five thousand dollars for the façade grant.

Motion carried. No nays.

**Consulting Services-Hopkins/Manheim -Update:** Continue to work on the re-use project for the old movie theater with Mayor Ken Williams and Liz Vos. The soil testing for the old Dayton Superior site has been completed. Gruen & Gruen Associates have started the hotel feasibility study.

**Ogle County ECDC:**

**Reports:** Liz Vos said there are twenty-two participants in the Emerging Leaders Program. The participants will work on a capstone project as well as part of the program. On May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> are the town wide garage sales. She also stated the community cleanup was successful, thirty volunteers helped cleanup multiple homes in the city. A fundraiser event for Stronghold will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The proceeds will help with a mountain bike trail project at Stronghold.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton