

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday July 7th, 2022, 11:00 AM

Committee Members Present: Don Griffin.

Also, present: Darin DeHaan, Chris Manheim.

Present via Zoom: Erin Folk, Cheryl Hilton, Terry Schuster, Mayor Ken Williams, and Liz Vos.

Absent: Rebecca Hazzard, Phil Lehmann, and Tom Mahoney.

Don Griffin called the meeting to order and called roll at 11:00 am.

Terry Schuster moved to approve minutes from June 7th, 2022, Seconded by Erin Folk.

Motion carried. No nays.

Terry Schuster moved to approve a Façade Grant for Adam & Rebecca Hazzard, Seconded by Erin Folk.

Discussion: The façade grant is for the Hunt Club building located on South 1st Street. The grant does not include the mural that is on the North end of the building.

Motion carried. No nays.

Erin Folk moved to approve a Commercial Lease Subsidy Grant for Rustic Ridge Axe, Seconded by Terry Schuster.

Discussion: The full grant subsidy will be for twelve months.

Motion carried. No nays.

Hotel Feasibility Study: The study showed the city would not be able to support a hotel. The recommendation for the city is to look at adding temporary housing for tourism like Air B&B's. The information received from the study will give direction for updating the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, many items have been completed on the 2016 plan.

Chamber News: Liz Vos reported Wicked Nutrition, a new business located in the downtown, has opened and will be open all week with extended hours. The Emerging Leaders group will be traveling to Iowa to see what similar communities are doing. She also met with the owner of 125 S. 4th Street. He hopes to have the space available for retail soon. The annual Chamber dinner will be held on August 18th, 2022.

Reports: The city has applied for an ARPA funds grant from the county. The city has also applied for the ITEP grant which would provide a vision and funds for bike paths.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton