

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday August 1st, 2023, 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Mike Glenn, Phil Lehmann, and Terry Schuster.

Present via Zoom: Rebecca Hazzard and Randee Mennenga.

Also, present: Mike Delaney, Cheryl Hilton, Chris Manheim, and Mayor Ken Williams.

Absent: Erin Folk, Don Griffin, Tom Mahoney, and John VonTish.

Terry Schuster called the meeting to order and called roll at 5:00 pm.

No public comment.

Phil Lehmann moved to approve the June 6th, 2023 Minutes, Seconded by Mike Glenn.

Motion carried. No nays.

Rebecca Hazzard moved to approve a Façade Grant for Topsy Hog-John Ebens, Seconded by Phil Lehmann.

Discussion: Terry Schuster stated this had been tabled at a previous meeting. Mayor Ken Williams said the city has set aside twenty-five thousand dollars a year to provide façade grants. Terry Schuster said the work has been completed and looks nice.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Terry Schuster moved to table a Façade Grant for The Hunt Club-Matt Pendergrass till September, Seconded by Mike Glenn.

Motion carried. No Nays.

408 N 3rd Street Gift & Redevelopment: Mayor Ken Williams said the city has been gifted the property located at 408 N 3rd Street. He said a good use of the property could be to develop a townhome. He said the city needs more affordable housing. Rebecca Hazzard asked about the Native American mound that is possibly located on the property. Terry Schuster said there is also historical evidence of the mound being construction material from Illinois Street. Mayor Ken Williams said the Ogle County Historical Society is completing research on the mound.

Consulting Services-County ECDC-Manheim: Chris Manheim said the county economic development committee is official as of July 20th, 2023. City Manager Darin DeHaan will be the Vice President for the committee. The stakeholder's subcommittee is working on a presentation to recruit investors. He said the videos from CGI Digital came in last week. He also said one grant was issued for broadband and it was for the City of Chicago. He said another grant application will be prepared.

Chamber News/Oregon Together Report/Schools/Community Events: Mike Glenn said the grand opening of CMAAA was successful. The museum hours will be Wednesday through

Saturday from 10-5. He has been working on a newsletter and a schedule of events. Terry Schuster said the Annual Chamber Dinner is being held on August 17th, 2023.

Other business: Mayor Ken Williams said the EV Charging units will be in soon, there has been an equipment delay. He also said the roof repairs have been completed at the Sarah Phelps Community Plaza and now the blacktop repairs can be made, and the furniture and plants installed. Phil Lehmann asked about the Dollar General project. Mayor Ken Williams said the project is now at the Dollar General Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton