



Economic Development Committee
February 9, 2016
4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Economic Development Committee Minutes:
 - January 12, 2016 [Minutes 01-12-2016](#)
3. Public Comment:
4. Discussion and Action Items:
 - Business of the Year
5. Correspondence:
6. New Business:
 - Verbal Update
7. Old Business:
 - Verbal Update
8. Adjourn

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NOTE: There is a potential that a quorum of the Common Council may be present.

MINUTES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD JANUARY 12, 2016, 4:00PM

Members present: Chairman Rick Wier, Al Richards, Sandy Jaskulski, Tom Bilot, City Administrator Tim Rhode, Building Inspector Craig Vretenar, and City Engineer/ Director of Public Works Melinda Dejewski.

Members excused: Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie–Carls, and Greg Schlecht Jeff Czarnecki,.

1. Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Jaskulski, seconded by City Administrator Rhode to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment – Rick Wier stated that he was shocked at the tax bill for PDQ.

3. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Business of the Year Dinner

Chairman Wier reviewed the criteria used to evaluate businesses for Business of the Year. Committee Member Richards suggested that the Committee should define the award year. There was discussion on the time frame. A motion was made by City administrator Rhode, seconded Building Inspector Vretenar to have the award period be April 1st of the previous year to March 31st of the current year (i.e. April 1 of 2015 to March 31 of 2016); it would be the 2016 Business of the Year Award; and that any new business after March 31st would be recognized the next year (i.e. 2017). Motion carried.

Discussion continued on the date of the 2016 dinner. September 28, 2016 was chosen. No venue was chosen at this time.

The thank you letter to Suzy's was signed by Chairman Wier.

B. Appointment of New Member

A motion was made by Committee Member Jaskulski, seconded by Committee Richards to accept Tom Bilot as one of the new members of the Committee. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence - None.

5. New Business:

City Administrator Rhode and Building Inspector Vretenar provided an update to the Committee. The former Journal building on E. Bolivar Avenue has been purchased by a ladder company. Over the next year, they will be doing improvements to the building. They have 12 employees.

The Marian Center for Non-Profits is closing of July 1, 2016. No other use has come forward at this time.

The new King Kase facility is fully occupied.

The Cousin's Center has been remodeling and moving business functions back into the facility.

Two RFP's have been received for the former City Hall site. Both proposed utilizing WHEDA funds.

The Bear project on S. Lake Drive is moving forward. A public hearing on the PUD amendment will be held on January 19.

A proposal from Sherman Development for senior and assisted living on the southernmost lake front parcel has come forward for discussion at the Planning Commission meeting on January 13.

6. Old Business

City Administrator Rhode and Building Inspector Vretenar provided an update to the Committee. Wixon is working with the City to purchase the former King Kase site. The City is waiting for a closure letter from the DNR.

The FBI is planning a grand opening in May.

The extension of S. Nevada Avenue is complete. The shared use will be installed by June of this year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Committee Member Jaskulski, seconded by City Administrator Rhode. Motion carried at 4:43 p.m.