

CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY
Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Present: Max Keuning, Darin Graber, Kat McClure, Mayor Chad Alleger, City Council Representative John Lee, Rob Hoffman, Kim Schmidt. Also in attendance: City Manager/Chief Bartello and City Clerk, Cindy Kane. Absent: Melissa Mindham and Kirsten Weiland.

Mayor Alleger called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

The following roles were accepted: Kat McClure, EDC Committee Chairperson; Cindy Kane, EDC Committee Secretary; Max Keuning, EDC Committee Community Liaison. Kat McClure will also serve as the EDC Corporation Treasurer.

City Manager/Chief Bartello provided an overview of current and proposed EDC budget. He outlined the current Downtown Revitalization program, application and rules. Each attendee was asked to review the handouts and provide the committee any updates required.

City Manager/Chief Bartello outlined the current Demolition Program. He gave a brief history of the program and 2018 budget. Bartello stated that three separate projects are showing interest; Pella Medical Clinic, Coffee Shop and Car Wash.

The Red Rock Prairie Bike Trail is applying for an additional grant to make sure funding for the trail will be completed from Prairie City into Monroe. The ultimate goal is for the trail to be completed from Prairie City through Monroe to Red Rock, Prairie City through Mitchellville/Altoona and ultimately link up to Saylorville.

Bartello also reported that the Hometown Pride Committee's goal is working towards Community Betterment as needs arise. They are currently working on refurbishing the Garden Square Bandstand.

Max Keuning suggested that the City Manager, Mayor and himself meeting with area farmers to discuss if land surrounding the City limits would be viable for future development. Max also requested that each committee member review areas can be developed without cost to the city.

John Lee suggested that the old ballfields be sold as an industrial development. Bartello stated the Park Board is applying for grants to convert to the fourth field from a baseball field to softball. This will allow tournament to be scheduled. This would ease the burden of removing the old ballfields.

Mayor Alleger reported the Prairie City Business Association is looking at City Sign. Two locations have been identified; South State Street and Highway 117 or Highway 117 near the water plant. Bartello said the sign would range from \$10 to \$35 thousand depending on the model and company. The EDC, PCBA and Park Board could possibly split the expense. The purpose of the sign, outline of rules and guidelines still need to be discussed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 5:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Kane, City Clerk