

**CITY OF PRAIRIE CITY**  
**Economic Development Committee**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

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

Only two Committee members were present.

Kat McClure updated the committee on the Prairie City Business Association sign. Two locations have been identified; South State Street and Highway 117 or Highway 117 near the water plant. The sign will be 6 to 8 feet wide and 3 to 4 feet high and would range from \$10 to \$35 thousand depending on the model and company. Again, the funding for the sign would be split between the EDC, PCBA and Park Board. The Prairie City Business Association would update the scheduling of the sign, grounds maintenance would be maintained by the City. McClure also spoke on the certification of the PCBA Farmer's Market and advertising.

City Manager/Chief Bartello spoke on several properties that were identified as candidates for the Demolition Program. The City Council is moving forward with contacting the property owners.

Max Keuning provided an update on properties for sale in Prairie City. He made contact with several area land owners to discuss possible sale for residential development. Keuning requested a copy of the Taylor 11 acre plat be provided. Mayor Alleger is in contact with the United Methodist Church on possible sale of church owned land.

Keuning also reached out to two individuals looking at moving their business to Prairie City. Several properties were identified. He also stated several buildings on or near the downtown area would be open to sale or rent. Keuning met with two developers to discuss possible projects in Prairie City. He will keep the Committee informed.

Bartello provided a brief update on the Pella Medical Clinic project. He stated that the City property on Norris has been surveyed and will be placed on the market.

John Lee suggested that the old ballfields be sold as an industrial development. Keuning suggested that the City keep options open, but continue to use the ball fields until a project is identified.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 5:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Kane, City Clerk