



Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Conference Call

Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call—Mitch, Mason, Christy, Deb, Chad, John Lloyd, Mike German
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes (from Sept 23, 2020 meeting)
5. New Business:
 - a. Members
6. Old Business:
 - a. Electronic Sign –waiting on hooking up electric, need to determine who will need to be trained on the system (I thought that the intent was to have three people trained, one from each organization—will need to set a policy of what can be put on the sign and by whom—EDC name by the end of this week to John, PCBA to name someone by Tuesday next week to John)
 - b. Planning and Zoning work—no meeting yet to discuss, going to propose a meeting for Dec 16th (or into 2021)
 - i. Future Land Use project
 - ii. Off-street parking requirements in Downtown Revitalization area
 - c. Housing Update (Housing development and S Norris St.)—Dan Wilson will have gas/electric run to development (25,000), went through final punch list and will present final plat during next council meeting. Plat by Butter House has sold and townhomes will start construction (4 – 3plex units), normal townhomes to purchase (? Not certain if purchase or rent/lease). 5-6 lots are presold (25%); what is the status of Phase II (SW across the creek)—initial thought was that he would consider once
 - d. Red Rock Prairie Trail Update—received approval for historical work, forwarded to Feds and awaiting their approval. May 2021 letting period, construction next year (60 to 90 workday project maybe Aug/Sept/Oct opening). No word on the Fed Land Access grant yet. Jeff will keep us posted.
 - e. Real Estate Update Commercial Property update /

availability—Edward Jones received full blessing to move forward with lease agreement; have another financial planner looking for move-in ready space to lease; Doc Ingle uncertain about future (sell, lease, not certain); lot with the house that burnt down; what is the status of the empty lot near Casey's; what is the status of Royal Plumbing strip mall south of car wash; Shattered Glass development took around the city to look at properties for retirement/senior housing;

- f. EDC (Corporation) Update—sale working on western 3 acres for event center (had to confirm with Dollar General that restrictive convenient did not restrict them); have cost to run gas; Dollar General looks like they have all outside structure completed—does Dollar General have to connect to natural gas line if a line runs to the west property.
- g. JEDCO Update—central Iowa broadband study (Partnership is working on the project, going town to town); prison built home into Newton (moving in the spring)—four homes sitting completed that are not spoken for (75,000 to purchase and place on foundation—have to meet income qualifications for first five years); 24 Jasper Co sites on the web—lots of good traffic, doing quarter feature stories on what Jasper Co has to offer;
- h. Review and Future Action on
 - i. Main Street Iowa program
 - ii. Downtown Revitalization Grant Program
 - iii. What is the update on the wayfinding signs—consistent marketing message; banners on electric poles; Catalyst grant program applicants (is there anyone who is interested

7. General Discussion

8. Next Meeting: January 27, 2021 - 6:00 PM City Hall/Zoom Meeting

9. Adjournment –adjourned at 7:25pm

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