



City of Pekin

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes

September 14, 2020

12:00 p.m. Pekin City Hall

Members Present: Mack Cakora, John Campbell, Keith Dunkelbarger, Buster Hanley, Drew Leman, Danielle Owens, Earl Riley, Tiffany White

Others Attendees: City Councilmember John Abel, City Manager Rothert, Matt Fick, David Bess, Casey Peterson, Tony Rolando, Chris Setti, Dennis Short

1.0 Meeting called to order by Mack Cakora at 12:02 PM.

2.0 Motion made, seconded by Keith Dunkelbarger. Motion carried.

3.0 New Business: Matt Fick summarized proposed goals for the EDAC. Discussion was held regarding the specific EDAC goals and any additions or modifications necessary, whether EDAC goals were intended to be presented to City Council for approval, consideration of a method of reaching out and discussing community needs with local business owners, and the status of the Avanti's Dome.

Matt Fick summarized the establishment of a Business Development District (BDD) and proposed the creation of a Business Development District Advisory Committee for consideration by the group. Mark Rothert summarized a current proposed BDD and provided information regarding a public BDD hearing that was scheduled to occur that evening. Discussion ensued regarding the concept of establishing BDD's and their effects on the local economy and businesses. Keith Dunkelbarger provided a handout to all attendees regarding the proposed BDD and additional suggestions for city administration.

4.0 City Economic Development Updates: Mark Rothert summarized Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district timelines and progress. Matt Fick summarized work being completed for Hamm's and noted that he has recently received more calls regarding TIF funding opportunities. Mark Rothert summarized some additional business expansions that are in progress or are currently being considered. Additional topics were briefly discussed including the status of several business local restaurants and one business voicing interest in a Pekin location.

5.0 Round Table Updates were provided.

6.0 There were no public questions or comments.

7.0 Meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM.