



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN,
ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 AT 12:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was called to order.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
John Campbell	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Danielle Owens	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Amy McCoy	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Dennis Short	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Jack Steger	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Drew Leman	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Liridon Rrushaj	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Keith Dunkelbarger	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Patrick Taphorn	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
D. Neal Hanley II	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Roy Bockler	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Earl Riley	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Caty Campbell	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Committee Member Dennis Short
SECONDER:	Committee Member Amy McCoy
AYES:	Committee Members J. Campbell, Owens, McCoy, Short, Leman, Dunkelbarger, Hanley, C. Campbell, Bockler, and Riley
ABSENT:	Committee Members Steger, Rrushaj, Taphorn

Approval of Minutes

4.1. Economic Development Advisory Committee - December 11, 2023

Approval of December 11, 2023 meeting minutes.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Committee Member Caty Campbell

SECONDER:	Committee Member Earl Riley
AYES:	Committee Members J. Campbell, Owens, McCoy, Short, Leman, Dunkelbarger, Hanley, C. Campbell, Bockler, and Riley
ABSENT:	Committee Members Steger, Rrushaj, Taphorn

Public Input

There was no public input.

Consent Agenda

6.1. Monthly Staff Report

Josh Wray explained that the monthly staff report is a work in progress and will get better with time. He explained the charts and invited committee members to give him input regarding items that would be useful to the committee to know that he could include in the report going forward.

6.2. 2024 Meeting Schedule

2024 Schedule of Regular Meetings.

Meetings will be held at 12:00 pm (Noon) in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 S.

Capitol St., Pekin, IL

Monday, January 8

Monday, February 12

Monday, March 11

Monday, April 8

Monday, May 13

Monday, June 10

Monday, July 8

Monday, August 12

Monday, September 9

Monday, October 14

Tuesday, November 12 (Monday, November 11 - Holiday)

Monday, December 9

New Business

7.1. Presentation from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Lauren Gibson, Regional Economic Development Manager-North Central Region with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity gave a presentation describing her role and the resources available through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. She is the liaison for programs available and connections with agencies. She works with both sides to make those connections. She is involved with business development and assistance as well as incentive grant and loan programs.

7.2. A Motion to Recommend Approval of an Updated Committee Charter

Josh Wray presented revisions to the committee charter. It was noted that the last update was in 2011. Motion to lay this item over for further review and discussion at the next meeting.

RESULT:	2 TO 8 (FAILED)
MOVER:	Committee Member Roy Bockler
SECONDER:	Committee Member Keith Dunkelbarger
AYES:	Committee Members Dunkelbarger, Bockler
NAYS:	Committee Members J. Campbell, Owens, McCoy, Short, Leman, Hanley, C. Campbell, Riley
ABSENT:	Committee Members Steger, Rrushaj, Taphorn

After further discussion of the updates Josh Wray has proposed to the committee charter, motion to approve the recommendation of the updated committee charter. The updates are tentatively scheduled for approval by the City Council at the January 22nd meeting.

RESULT:	8 TO 2 (PASSED)
MOVER:	Committee Member Earl Riley
SECONDER:	Committee Member Amy McCoy
AYES:	Committee Members J. Campbell, Owens, McCoy, Short, Leman, Hanley, C. Campbell, Riley
NAYS:	Committee Members Dunkelbarger, Bockler
ABSENT:	Committee Members Steger, Rrushaj, Taphorn

7.3. Introduction to Economic Development Strategic Planning

Josh Wray reported that the Economic Development Strategic Plan will be put together, including goals, and will tie in with the City strategic plan. It was reported that the strategic planning for the region will begin next year.

Any Other Business

Josh Wray reported that there is a grant available through TMobile. Pekin is eligible for this grant. The grant has broad terms intended to impact the community in a positive way. It is designed to provide funding for projects involving public spaces. The time frame to apply ends at the end of March.

Chris Setti spoke briefly about Advantage Illinois.

It was noted that the meeting dates need to be updated on the city website.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12th at noon in the City Council Chambers.

Adjourn

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MOVER:	Committee Member Roy Bockler
SECONDER:	Committee Member Amy McCoy
AYES:	Committee Members J. Campbell, Owens, McCoy, Short, Leman, Dunkelbarger, Hanley, C. Campbell, Bockler, and Riley
ABSENT:	Committee Members Steger, Rrushaj, Taphorn