



City of Pekin

Economic Development Advisory Committee

July 13, 2020

12:00 PM City Hall

Members Present: Pat Taphorn, Buster Hanley, Earl Riley, Danielle Owens, Amy McCoy, Keith Dunkelbarger, Drew Leman, Mack Cakora

Others Attending: Mayor Luft, Mark Rothert, Matt Fick

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM
- 2.0 Drew Leman made a motion, seconded by Earl Riley, to approve the March minutes, motion carried.
- 3.0 New Business: Staff distributed a summary of the top 5 economic development priorities for the City of Pekin as provided by the Committee members. Discussion was held on the various topics and it was decided that Staff would update and prioritize the list relative to the discussions and send it back out to the members. It will be placed on the next meeting agenda, a top 5 final list agreed upon and then shared with the City Council.
- 4.0 City Economic Development Updates: Mark Rothert gave an update on the status of the adoption of the new TIF and BDD and announced upcoming public hearing dates. The process is moving forward and a fall or early 2021 adoption date is anticipated. Matt Fick gave an update on current and proposed development project. He stated there had been a lot of interest from business owners on Derby Street who had read about the proposed TIF and were beginning to inquire as to the availability of funding.
- 5.0 Round Table Updates: Amy McCoy discussed the upcoming Marigold Festival and how it had been modified due to the pandemic. It will include a drive-in movie, drive-by parade, food and a golf outing this year. Pekin School District Superintendent Danielle Owens announced that the stadium renovations had been completed.
- 6.0 There were no public comments
- 7.0 Motion by Hanley, seconded by Luft, to adjourn at 1:27 p.m.