

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 4, 2019

7:30 a.m. Pekin City Hall

Members Present: Andy Sparks, Mack Cakora, Glayn Worrell, Bill Fleming, Tiffany White, Dr. Danielle Owens, Buster Hanley

Others Attendees: John McCabe, Chris Setti, John Abel, Matt Fick

1.0 Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m.

2.0 Minutes of the October 2018 and January 2019 meetings were unanimously approved.

3.0 New Business

- a. Discussion was held regarding the economic development goals submitted by EDAC members.
- b. Staff presented the retail recruitment plan provided by Retail Strategies.

4.0 City of Pekin Economic Development Updates

- a. Staff gave an overview of an upcoming proposal to provide the Avanti's Dome with funding assistance to help them market their facility. Committee members agreed with the concept but recommend any assistance be tied to specific items and for annual reports/updates to be provided by Avanti's to monitor progress.

5.0 Roundtable Updates

- a. Bill Fleming, Pekin Chamber of Commerce Director, presented a report on the current local economic indicators.
- b. Mark Rothert, City Manager, discussed the State capital bill and indicated the City had submitted a \$30M funding request for consideration.

6.0 There were no public comments.

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Next Meeting: Monday April 15, 2019 at 7:30am, City Hall Council Chambers