



City of Pekin

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 2, 2020

12:00 p.m. Pekin City Hall

Members Present: Pat Taphorn, Buster Hanley, John Campbell, Bill Fleming, Drew Leman, Earl Riley, Mack Cakora, John Campbell, Keith Dunkelbarger, Tiffany White, Dennis Short, Danielle Owens

Others Attendees: Mayor Luft, City Manager Rothert, Matt Fick, Todd Dugan, Mike Guerra, Tony Rolando

1.0 Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2.0 Bill Fleming made a motion, seconded by Pat Taphorn, to approve the January and February minutes, motion carried.

3.0 New Business: City Engineer Mike Guerra gave the committee an update on road projects scheduled to begin this spring. Specifically he discussed the phasing of construction for Front Street and a proposed detour for all of the heavy truck traffic that frequents the industrial businesses in that area. He also touched on Court Street and stated that if no additional funding sources became available the City did have money set aside to at least begin work on a smaller section this summer.

Committee member Dunkelbarger discussed the mission and goals of the EDAC and that he felt it was time to revisit them and update if necessary. He mentioned a few ideas he had and asked that the rest of the Committee take some time to think about what the City's top 5 priorities should be relative to economic development. Chairman Cakora asked that each Committee member email Economic Development Manager Matt Fick their top 5 priorities before the April meeting so that he could list all of them for discussion. He also stated that he thought the City's website needed to be updated as the list of businesses on there currently was outdated.

4.0 City Economic Development Updates: Todd Dugan, Pekin Airport Manager, gave an update on the various construction projects planned for this upcoming fiscal year. He stated he has been working with the City on securing the necessary financing. Mr. Dugan indicated that there is potential for even more development in the future depending on how well a few of the current business perform as they may be looking for additional space.

City Manager Rothert informed the group that the City had selected a consulting firm

5.0 Round Table Updates were provided.

6.0 There were no public questions or comments.

7.0 Meeting adjourned at 1:15