Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 10, 2020

12:00 p.m. Pekin City Hall

Members Present: Buster Hanley, John Campbell, Danielle Owens, Bill Fleming, Dennis Short, Drew Leman, Mack Cakora,

Others Attendees: Mayor Luft, City Manager Rothert, Matt Fick, Tony Rolando, Chris Setti, Roy Bockler

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

2.0 The January minutes were not available; they will be voted on at the March meeting.

3.0 New Business: New Committee member Dennis Short was introduced. He informed the Committee that he worked for Pekin Community bank as a commercial loan officer, lived in Pekin and was active in the Chamber as well as serving on the City's Police Pension Board.

Chairman Cakora went over a packet of information, which contained several ideas and potential projects, that EDAC member Keith Dunkelbarger had provided. He asked the members to review the packet and be prepared to discuss it at the March meeting when Mr. Dunkelbarger, who could not attend the February meeting, would be in attendance.

4.0 City Economic Development Updates: City Manager Rothert provided an update on the CEDS projects and the TIF and BDD establishment timeline. Economic Development Manager Fick informed the group of a request for TIF funding from the Sud's Family Partnership in the amount of $200,000 which would be used to install a sprinkler system in the building they own located at 111 6th Street in Pekin. He added that installing the sprinkler system would allow them to move forward finalizing a lease with a business that would bring up to 70 employees. Mayor Luft discussed how the City has been working hard to improve customer service with regard to plan review and building inspections. Members commented that they have seen a positive trend in this area recently and encouraged the Mayor to continue his efforts.

5.0 Round Table Updates were provided.

6.0 Public comments: Roy Bockler introduced himself to the Committee and stated he was interested in economic development and, as a citizen of Pekin, was attending the meeting to see what Pekin is working on and to offered to serve if a position on the Committee were to become available.

7.0 Motion by Fleming to adjourn, seconded by Owens. Meeting adjourned at 1:28