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MINUTES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, November 20, 2014 ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS 7:00 PM

The Economic Development Commission held its Regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014. The meeting began at 7:05 P.M.

Roll call:

Greg Seccombe	absent
Bart Flaherty	present
Sal Hanaif	absent
Keith Murray	present
Terri Goldson	Late 7:09
Bill Luneski	present
Horace Behrle	present
Jeff Sweeney	present

6 present, 2 absent

Also present:

Sheila O'Malley, Economic Development Director

Mr. Murray opened the meeting at 7:06. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Murray entertained motions to accept the previous month's minutes. Mr. Luneski made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Murray then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Millie Rios, 121 Great Hill Road, stated that she is concerned about the development of Fountain Lake. She stated that she believes that there will be a public hearing about the project on Monday 11/24. She asked if the commission could address something that was mentioned in the Planning and Zoning Commission. She was told that there were going to be two public hearings scheduled one was for the subdivision and the other was for the special permit. The questions that she has can be addressed at the public session as they are Planning and Zoning issues.

Mr. Murray asked if there was anyone else that wished to speak during the Public Session. There was none. He then closed the Session to the Public.

Mr. Murray then moved on to communications. He stated that Mr. Luneski just handed him a note that The WorkPlace opened their job center in Ansonia. There were no other communications.

Mr. Murray then asked if there were any bills that needed to be approved. There were none.

Mr. Murray then asked for the updates from the director of Economic Development.

Ms. O'Malley stated that the demolition of Ansonia Copper and Brass will begin the next week. They received their permits and are waiting on the Department of Health. They should have the green light to proceed very soon. Mr. Flaherty asked what the plans were for that site. He was told that there is a developer that has expressed interest in that property. He is looking to put in a grocery store and possibly some residential.

There was a discussion regarding the ATP and Palmer buildings and their status at this point in time.

Ms. O'Malley then moved on to discuss the Small Cities program. She stated that we are currently doing housing rehab. She doesn't believe that has had a significant impact on the City and she is not sure if that is the best use of the Small Cities funds. She stated that there are other uses that Small Cities funds could be used for. Mr. Murray asked what the allowable uses for these funds would be? She stated that it is quite flexible. Whatever the funds are used for has to have an impact across the board. It has to benefit everyone. Sidewalks fit that bill. There are areas where no one can walk. The City pays for a third of the cost of a sidewalk. Mr. Behrle asked how much money is available. He was told that the City can possibly receive up to \$400, 000. Mr. Flaherty asked if Ms. O'Malley could supply the members with a list of uses that would comply with the requirements of the Small Cities grants. She stated that she would do so. There was a long discussion regarding the housing rehab program and the monies that haven't been expended as of yet. Mr. Flaherty asked if Ms. O'Malley could create a list of all the unspent money from the grant. He was told that she would do that.

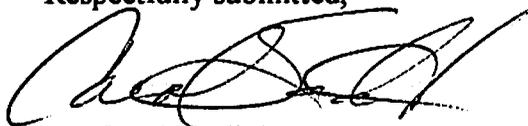
Mr. Flaherty made a motion to create an RFP for a Consultant for the Small Cities Grant program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Flaherty made a motion requesting a list of all of the unspent Small Cities grant funds, the number of projects completed with the spent funds from the Small Cities grant, any quotes for projects for the Small Cities grants funds, the number of applicants on the waiting list, the length of time that the applicants have been on the waiting list, the type of project that the applicants are looking to complete and the amount of the funds that the applicant is requesting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Luneski. All were in favor of the motion.

There was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Murray entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Behrle. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Sardinha', written in a cursive style.

Carol Sardinha