

Economic Development Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 23, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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Members Present

Joe Jaumann
Keith Murray
Terri Goldson
William Luneski
Charlie Stowe
Horace Behrle

Members Absent

Lorie Vaccaro
Jeff Sweeney
Gregg Seccombe

Others Present

Sheila O'Malley
John Marini

Call to Order:

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. The recording clerk took a roll call attendance and a quorum was declared present. (6) P (3) A

Consideration of Previous Minutes:

Mr. Jaumann made a motion to accept the minutes dated May 27, 2016 as presented. Mr. Luneski seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence:

None at this time.

Old Business:

Mr. Stowe asked how the Nature Center parking lot project is going. Ms. O'Malley says it is going out to bid soon and the design is done. Mr. Goldson asks if it will be paved or crushed stone. Ms. O'Malley says it will be paved.

Mr. Stowe asks for an update on the windows of the Opera House. Mr. Marini says that the owner was cited and an officer told the owner that it is a safety hazard, Mr. Marini adds that in response between the city and the owner the windows are boarded from the inside.

Mr. Stowe asks about the Peck School demolition. Mr. Marini says the city classified the building as "not buyable" but the owner has now lowered the price to \$30,000.00 and it is under consideration for the city to acquire, demo, remediate, and sell the property. Ms. O'Malley says an estimate of demo and environmental is around \$390,000.00. Mr. Behrle asks if there are any liens against the property. Ms. O'Malley says it is uncertain at this time and a title search has been ordered.

Mr. Goldson asks what the completed Armory Improvements are. Ms. O'Malley says it was looked at by two engineering firms.

Mr. Goldson asks about the Riverwalk project. Ms. O'Malley says August 17, 2016 it should be set to go out to bid.

New Business:

Ms. O'Malley gives a presentation on businesses in the city. Ms. O'Malley says that Copper City will be adding an outdoor space. Some new or opening soon establishments are:

- Rosa Mina
- Warsaw Restaurant
- Moes Bar and Grill
- Thigh High Chicken
- Thai Story
- Lu Lu Pazza

Ms. O'Malley says Road Ready Used Cars will be coming in September and will be hiring. New Headings is a new internet based company. Ms. O'Malley says that Tracis on Main is doing well along with Goodfellas and E's Cuts. A full service daycare Creative Minds Academy is doing well also.

Ms. O'Malley says that Big Y is currently doing renovations, Spector Furniture has added a design space.

Ms. O'Malley said that some future developments include a developer looking at land by Target to build a restaurant, and big box store.

Date of Next Meeting:

July 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Stowe made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Mr. Luneski seconded the motion. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk