

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Committee of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met at City Hall, 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in said City on August 11, 2016. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Dee Baebler	-Chairman
Bill Taylor	-Member
Kurt Krueger	-Member
Rich Gau	-Member
Terry Beiter	-Member
Debby Schiavo	-Member
Bryson Baker	-City Engineer/Director of Public Works

Absent:

Beth Huonker	-Member
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Approval of the Minutes from June 9, 2016

Copies of the Minutes of the June 9, 2016 Economic Development meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Gau seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Introduction of Eric Sterman, City Administrator

Alderman Baebler introduced Mr. Eric Sterman. Mr. Sterman gave a brief history of his past employment and accomplishments and he is excited about working with everyone here in the city.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Mr. Baker explained the process of the re-writing of the zoning code. Mr. Baker stated he is currently working on it. The staff will request qualifications. The qualifications will be graded. The top three qualified firms will be interviewed. The staff involved in the interview process include Mr. Baker, Trish Moore, Lynn Sprick and Eric Sterman. Elected officials are also invited to participate. Alderman Gau asked who makes the final decision on the changes or adopted. Mr. Baker answered Board of Aldermen have the final decision on the consultant, on the contract and zoning changes, design guidelines of residential and commercial and subdivision code. Once the consultant is selected he/she will work with the Planning and Zoning committee, the staff and the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Gau asked about why the economic development committee is not codified. Chairman Baebler state it should be codified and needs to be done. A discussion ensued regarding new business development and retaining the business already in the city.

New committee member, Debbie Schiavo, spoke on why she became a member of this committee. She sees this committee as retaining the business in the city first, then new development. Ms. Schiavo stated the city's web site needs more information regarding businesses in the city helping the residents.

A lengthy discussion regarding undeveloped areas of the city and why residents don't want commercial in some areas, overlay districts concept, what areas are envisioned, what is being proposed in these areas.

Alderman Gau stated there are two areas that have interested development, the tornado site and the redevelopment at the Days Inn site. Mr. Sterman stated the city needs to specify what they want to see developed in these areas.

Chairman Baebler would like to see this committee do redevelopment and retention of businesses. She stated getting them engaged with the monthly "coffee" meetings with the mayor, updating the website, try and know some of the businesses and aldermen visiting and talking to the businesses in their ward. She stated emails should be sent out to the businesses regarding the monthly meeting dates.

Aldermen Gau suggested getting the website cleaned up regarding the businesses. Mr. Sterman will look into the business list on the website.

Chairman Baebler asked the committee if they would like to have Mark Kornfeld from Sansone Group to speak on their properties at the September meeting. Committee members stated this way we can ask the developer what the city could do for new development.

Adjournment

Alderman Gau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Member Terry Beiter seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Dede Hendricks



Recording Secretary