

Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2014
1:30pm
Council Chambers

Present: Tom Simpson (Chair), Doug Hunter Harry Quart, Wayne Hagerman, Bob Foster, Eric Sandford, Jeff Bitton

Regrets: Larry Mitz, Tricia Sagriff, Bob Henderson, Rob Price, Lisa Wood

Call to Order:

meeting called to order 1:34 pm, Chair Simpson welcomed Eric Sandford and Bob Foster from the CIP committee

Approval of the Agenda:

Sandford-Quart “*moved to approve the agenda*”. Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest or General Nature Thereof:

none

Delegations

none

Approval of the Minutes:

Quart-Hagerman “*moved to approve minutes of October 14, 2014*”. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Chair Simpson noted a new service provider has been found to put up Christmas lights and banners. Simpson also thanked Harry Quart for helping to repair downtown benches, they are to be painted in the Spring by Evelyn Browning.

Accounts/ Ledger:

Staff noted a few invoices are still outstanding, but that the accounts are in good shape.

Quart-Hagerman “*moved the accounts be received as presented.*” Carried.

New Business:

- Recognizing Corporate partners

Quart suggested running quarterly ads thanking our community sponsors. Committee recommended deferring this item to a future meeting.

- Brochure Mailing

Hunter-Hagerman “*moved that Economic Development cover the costs of mailing for the 2015 Guide*” Carried.

- Letter to Godfathers Pizza

Simpson noted a letter of thanks has been sent to Godfathers Pizza for the use of their storefront window to promote community events.

Old Business:

- Security Cameras, Village Market

Staff provided quote from Alarm Systems on providing security cameras for several locations in Centre Hastings including the village market. Committee suggested this item be deferred to budget process.

Open Discussion:

Chair Simpson opened the floor to discussion, asking for suggestions to forward to future committee(s). Suggestions included:

- Maintaining our seat on the Hastings County Partnership committee and to regularly attend meetings with our 12 municipal partners
- Continue our mandate to support development of industry and tourism
- Promote issues such as water and sewer services/ capacities
- Conduct feasibility study(s) to be ‘shovel ready’ should infrastructure money become available
- Renew business inventory list, pursuing ‘accommodations’
- Develop and enforce property standards
- Chair Simpson thanked committee members for their great service and presented certificates of appreciation

Next Meeting:

At the call of the new Council

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned @ 2:20 pm