

Economic Health/Development Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
5:30 p.m. – Parowan City Offices – 35 East 100 North

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jared Meibos (Chairman), Matt Gale (Council Representative), David Harris, Lori Eichelberger, Stacy Gale (Secretary).

MEMBERS ABSENT – Mick Lauer, Ken Lambertsen, Corey McNeil, Jason Green (Alternate), Todd Gale (Alternate).

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Jared Meibos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – David Harris moved to approve the minutes from August 9, 2022. Lori Eichelberger seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS OF INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE SOURCES OF GRANTS FOR LIGHTING AT THE BALL FIELDS: Jared Meibos said he checked into Exelon Community, Henry T. Nicholas III Foundation, and MLB – MLBPA YDF Grants. He said the MLB Grant would need us to send them what the whole project is and the cost, and show that we have 50% to match the grant. The Henry T. Nicholas III and Exelon Community grants require an application stating what we want to use the grant money for and then they will decide if it is something they are willing to help with. David Harris said the grants he looked at would just donate equipment or items like buckets of balls. Jared said he will take Mick’s grant assignments. Matt will ask Jeremy what he found out from Beaver about the grants they received.

There was a discussion about the lighting cost which is \$160,175 for the soccer field, \$249,631 for just one baseball field, and \$579,875 for 3 baseball fields. Matt suggested the committee talk to Dan Jessen, the new City Manager. He said the budget planning for next year begins in January and that is where they need to start looking for the money.

Jared said he thinks we need to start the grant application. Matt said some grants will use “in kind” towards the grant if we do part of the work. Lori Eichelberger asked if it would make sense to have someone we know who is good at grant finding and writing to help us with this. Matt said that the city has used Nancy Dalton to write grants; he wasn’t sure what she charges but he can find out. Lori suggested using Stephanie Ward.

Lori suggested asking local businesses for donations; David said they get asked a lot for money for different projects and it gets to be a lot. David suggested asking individuals who have money to donate.

Jared said we need to decide what route we want to shoot for; the committee decided to try for all 3 ball fields and the soccer fields which would cost around \$1.5 million, our portion would be \$750,000 with the assumption we can get a 50/50 grant. It was suggested to ask the Iron County School District to help with the cost because the high school uses our soccer fields.

Jared said in the mean time we can work on the little things to make our fields better like grass in the infield, outfield fences, bleachers, etc.

REVIEW ORDINANCE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LORI EICHELBERGER:

The committee decided to take “Health” out of the title and change the name back to “Economic Development Committee”.

There was a discussion that the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Economic Development Committee should be working hand in hand, and attend each other’s meetings. It was decided to talk to their committee before we add anything about that in our ordinance.

The committee discussed the current members, and how many need to be in attendance to make a quorum. It was decided to add that a minimum of three members need to be present to form a quorum.

Lori will send the amended ordinance to Stacy Gale, the committee secretary; she will have Dan Jessen look at it and make any changes. Once the changes have been made, she will then send it out to the committee members and Justin Wayment.

DISCUSS, REVIEW AND GIVE ASSIGNMENTS: Jared said we need to finish looking at grants. Jared said he will talk to Ben Johnson with the Iron County School Board about them helping. We need to talk to Dan Jessen about numbers.

Matt said in a work meeting the City Council talked about not suspending impact fees anymore; he wanted this committee to be award of this because that recommendation came from this committee. There was a discussion about how it has helped new businesses that have come to Parowan, including Jared’s business, and how much money it saved them. Also discussed was how not suspending them will affect new businesses wanting to come here, like ACE Hardware, and ways to still give them a benefit without suspending all the fees. Matt will let the committee know when this will be discussed at upcoming City Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – Jared Meibos moved to adjourn the meeting. Lori Eichelberger seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2022.

Minutes Approved at November 1, 2022 Meeting



Jared Meibos, Committee Chair



Stacy Gale, Secretary