

Economic Health/Development Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
5:30 p.m. – Parowan City Offices – 35 East 100 North

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

MEMBERS ABSENT – Ken Lambertsen, Corey McNeil, Jason Green (Alternate).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jared Meibos moved to approve the minutes from September 13, 2022. David Harris seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ABOUT MATERIALS FROM MUSCO AND ANYTHING ELSE NEEDED TO SET UP THE BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTS RECEIVED FROM SUU: Jared Meibos said that SUU donated their old baseball field lights to the city. Dan Jessen said he and Jeremy Franklin are picking them up tomorrow morning. Jared said we need to find out what materials we need to get the lights set up. We will need to have Aaron Klinge from Musco come back down, and we need to talk to Jeremy. Dan said he talked to Jeremy and he said the lights were a little older than he thought they were. He said we will have to do a good analysis of the cost of the poles, controllers, and wire before we put them up; it may be that even though they were free it could be cheaper to go with a new set, but we need to get Aaron from Musco to come back.

There was a discussion on the type of lights they are and how we want to use them.

Jared said he will call Aaron from Musco and have him come back to this meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE: Dan said this board is going to become more relevant. The State Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) has come out with some new grants. They now have one that is called the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant which will allocate \$600,000 yearly by region. Dan said it is to benefit economic development. Dan said that Danny Stewart, Cedar City Economic Development Director, said with this grant you can do infrastructure, you just have to show how it will benefit economic development. The baseball field lights are a good example of what we can use the funds for. In order to apply for the grant, you have to be a formalized Economic Development Committee. Dan sent the Economic Development draft ordinance to the City Attorney, Justin Wayment, to look over. Dan let him know that this has become more important because we want to apply for some grants and we need this in place.

Dan said we are going to want to have a project every year that we can use to apply for the grant. He said we want to have a project shovel ready that can be completed in a year’s time because if we haven’t spent the funds, we cannot apply again the next year. Dan said Danny Stewart will set up a County Board which will listen to the county applications and city applications for the use of these funds.

Dan gave an update on the swimming pool and the different options discussed at City Council. There was a discussion on the impact the pool will have on growth in our community, and our lack of infrastructure to handle it. Lori said she wants managed growth; she said if we're looking at a \$11.2 million pool that we need to sustain, we will need to bring in a lot more people. Dan said he thinks the single biggest factor that will affect growth is the new water ordinance which is you have to bring in water rights prior to 1949. The Transient Room Tax (TRT) and Recreation Arts Parks (RAP) Tax were also talked about.

The committee talked about the Economic Development Ordinance and how it is written. Dan suggested we put names by the terms of the members to start with right now; not in the ordinance but just as a committee.

It was decided to add *"Any term may be reviewed for extension of service, based upon interest by a member to continue to serve. This would be determined by the City Council, based on recommendation of the Parowan Economic Development Committee."*

Lori Eichelberger moved to approve the Parowan Economic Development Committee Ordinance with the revision discussed and with the modification and approval of the City Attorney, Justin Wayment, then forward it to the City Council for approval. Jared Meibos seconded the motion. All member voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSS, REVIEW AND GIVE ASSIGNMENTS ON ANY OTHER TOPICS: Lori asked about the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant and how we proceed. Dan said this committee will work closely with city administration to figure out what is going to work best and he will do all the homework and interaction. Ultimately, we need to come up with project, make application and review it, approve it through City Council, then send to the County Board. Dan thought it would be a good idea to have a member of this committee be on that board.

Dan looked on the website for the Rural Communities Opportunity Grants, <https://business.utah.gov/rural/rural-communities-opportunity-grant/>; it says the deadline for the application is November 18, 2022. Dan said they are on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30.

The committee decided that they wanted to try to meet the November 18th deadline. Lori will help with writing the grant. Dan will create a log in for Parowan City on the grant website for him and Lori. He will also work with Danny Stewart for help with this.

Jared will contact Aaron with Musco and see when they can get here to give us a cost, and we will talk to Jeremy about cost of wire, etc. There was a discussion about local electricians being willing to donate time, and community members could donate time as well. Dan said the city insurance will cover volunteers; they just need to be designated beforehand.

Matt told Dan this committee would like to have a budget and asked if they could. Dan said yes, it is up to the City Council and will be part of budget process. There was a discussion about how that will work.

Matt let the committee know that the City Council voted to lift the suspension of commercial impact fees beginning March 31, 2023.

There was a discussion on the RV park and how many spaces they have and how long people can stay there.

Lori asked about the trailer park on 100 South, and the house across from the elementary school with the ATV's.

ADJOURNMENT – Jared Meibos moved to adjourn the meeting. Todd Gale seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2022.

Minutes Approved at February 7, 2023 Meeting



Jared Meibos, Committee Chair



Stacy Gale, Secretary

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