

Economic Health/Development Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
5:30 p.m. – Parowan City Offices – 35 East 100 North

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

STAFF PRESENT – Mollie Halterman (Mayor)

MEMBERS ABSENT – Matt Gale (Council Representative), Ken Lambertsen, Corey McNeil, Jason Green (Alternate).

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Jared Meibos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Todd Gale moved to approve the minutes from November 1, 2022. David Harris seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSS AND DEVISE PLANS OF MOVING FORWARD WITH LIGHTING THE SOCCER FIELD: Jared Meibos said we didn't get the grant for lighting because it was geared toward creation of new jobs. He asked the committee if they wanted to look for other grants; the committee said yes. The types of grants we need to look for are community building projects. Mollie talked about the T-Mobile and AARP grant.

Dan Jessen updated the committee on the pickleball court grant; a discussed ensued.

Jared asked where we are on the soccer field lights. Dan said we are back to square one, but we do have the lights given to us from SUU. We need to find out what it will cost to install those lights. It was discussed that we need a transformer, conduit, wire, poles, and cement. The Musco quote for the lighting was around \$100,000 for the poles and transformers. Mollie asked Todd if SBSU is funding things like this; Todd said they typically do smaller projects like scoreboards. He can find out if they would be willing to help with this project.

Dan said once the lights are installed, they will not be on all the time and should be used by an organized group to help pay for the power. He said there should be a cost share agreement with the high school.

Mollie talked about the Active Transportation Plan, and Dan talked about the subdivision at Brian Head and how it will affect Parowan. Other city projects and grant opportunities were also discussed.

Todd Gale left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Jared asked who applies for the grants. Dan said a lot of the work can be done by someone on the committee. Mollie said it can be worked on by the administrative staff, community members, and committee members; it needs to be reviewed before it gets signed and goes through City Council. It takes a lot of work to get a grant going. Mollie said to send them her way.

There was a discussion on the swimming pool. Dan said the new pool needs to be run correctly and that everyone who uses it is being charged so we can capture all the revenue.

DISCUSS WHAT THE ROLE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS GOING FORWARD: Jared asked what does this committee want to focus on. He said his thought is if we have things that bring people here, that will encourage businesses to come because they will want to capture some of the possible revenue. That is why he has been focusing on the recreation.

Dan said the Rural Resources Grant, that we got turned down for on the lighting, is on repeat every year, but it is infrastructure related, not recreation related. Dan said we can focus on recreation and he can bring other opportunities that come down that line and augment what the committee is doing. Dan said between the RAP Tax and TRT, we will have 2 new sources of revenue that can be used for recreation and tourism. The amount we will get is based on nightly rentals which includes the RV park, hotels, and short-term rentals.

Jared asked Dan, as far as infrastructure, what can we target as an Economic Development committee. Dan said roads; they are non-existent in the I&M areas. Infrastructure can be lighting, parking, fiber optic, or a shared workspace. He said in order for some of these to happen, the private sector is not going to do it because the city has to upgrade something.

DISCUSS, REVIEW AND GIVE ASSIGNMENTS ON ANY OTHER TOPICS: None.

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 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023.

Minutes Approved at April 4, 2023 Meeting



Jared Meibos, Committee Chair



Stacy Gale, Secretary