ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

February 14, 2017

Waverly City Hall – Council Chambers 7:00 a.m.

A. Call to Order

1. Voting Members Present: Deb Schroeder, Chairperson

Steve Egli, Vice Chairperson (came B1)

Mark Hanawalt Gene Lieb Troy Miller Ann Rathe

Voting Members Absent: Heidi Abben

Tammy McKenzie

Jim Willis

Non-Voting Partners Present: Jim Atty, Waverly Health Center

Chuck Infelt, Mayor

Ed Klamfoth, W-SR Schools

Dan McKenzie, City Council Liaison Heidi Solheim, Waverly Health Center Travis Toliver, Waverly Chamber

Non-Voting Partners Absent: Linda Allen, Hawkeye Community College

Darrel Colson, Wartburg

Darrel Wenzel, Waverly Utilities
James Bronner, City Administrator

Connie Tolan, Economic Development Specialist Bill Werger, Economic Development Director

2. Approval of Agenda:

Staff Present:

Motion By: Hanawalt Seconded By: Rathe

Move that the agenda be approved as printed.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 4

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion By: Rathe Seconded By: Miller

Move that the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Economic Development Commission Meeting

be approved.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 4

B. Regular Business

1. Review of the Agreement with CMI

Werger led discussion regarding CMI. CMI weighed the pros and cons of the state assistance and made the decision to no apply for state benefits. CMI will not be given City incentives as they were tied to State incentives. City staff has worked with CMI and will continue to do so. Job descriptions should be almost ready to post so they can start hiring. Production is expected to begin this year and will continue to grow over the next couple of years.

2. Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan Review and Maps

The Plan Review does not have any major changes mainly change in projects that have been added or completed. Werger discussed the proposed changes to the map. A final version will be created and can be brought back to the commission. The yellow dotted line on the map shows the two mile radius surrounding Waverly city limits. City staff will be working with Bremer County to establish a two mile agreement to protect the corridor. A census will be completed in 2020. Once the census numbers come out a new complete plan will be done.

3. Review Urban Revitalization of Central Plan

Werger led discussion of the Central Urban Revitalization Plan and areas intended to be put in the Urban Revitalization Plan. The plan is still a work in progress and will be brought back before the commission once finalized. The flood maps are projected to be changed in September or October 2017 to remove many homes from the 100 year floodplain. Werger is still working with Congressman Rod Blum's office on the legislation to allow FEMA buy-out lots to be built upon once removed from the 100 year floodplain.

C. Mayor's Roundtable Discussion

Mayor would like to know the posture towards the budget. Is this our moment to move forward or a time to be practical? Numerous capital improvement projects are arising and we can only make them all work if taxes are raised. Discussion ensued mainly on the green bridge and parkway projects. It is important to have all voices heard on projects so make sure you write a letter or email to councilmembers on why or why not you feel a project should be done.

D. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. in the Civic Center at Waverly City Hall.

E. Adjournment

The Economic Development Commission meeting was adjourned.