ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

June 12, 2018

Waverly City Hall – Civic Center 7:00 a.m.

A. Call to Order

1. Voting Members Present: Steve Egli, Chairperson

Gary Grace Gene Lieb Troy Miller Deb Schroeder Paula Stevenson

Voting Members Absent: Brittney Diercks, Vice Chairperson

Mark Hanawalt Rebecca Smith

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

Darrel Colson, Wartburg

Ed Klamfoth, W-SR Schools (left 7:50am, B5)

Dean Soash, Mayor (left 7:23am B2) Heidi Solheim, Waverly Health Center

Darrel Wenzel, Waverly Utilities

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

Dan McKenzie, City Council Liaison Travis Toliver, Waverly Chamber

Staff Present: Bill Werger, Economic Development Director

Connie Tolan, Economic Development Specialist

Staff Absent: James Bronner, City Administrator

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion By: Grace Seconded By: Move that the agenda be approved as printed.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 3

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion By: Schroeder Seconded By:

Move that the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Economic Development Commission

Meeting be approved.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 3

B. Regular Business

1. Review of Commission Duties

Mayor handed out the Powers and Duties of the Economic Development Commission from the Waverly City Code. He challenged the commission to think outside the box and expand their thoughts on acquiring sites and buildings for future development.

2. Discussion of Traffic Configuration on Bremer Avenue Waverly City Council is bringing up the reconfiguration of Bremer Avenue for discussion at their study session in June, so the commission's input was sought on the 3 lane versus 4 lane configuration. It was the opinion of the commission that the DOT is the expert on this matter and the City should follow their recommendation to go with the 3 lane configuration. Safety was the primary consideration of the group, also walkability of the downtown area. It was recommended that the concerns of public safety officials be addressed to assure that they understand the facts surrounding 3 lane configurations, perhaps putting them in touch with public safety officials in communities that have transitioned from 4 lane to 3 lane. The commission, including non-voting partners, was unanimous in their recommendation that the 3 lane configuration would be the better option.

Motion By: Grace Seconded By: Lieb

Move to recommend to the Waverly City Council that the 3 lane traffic configuration on Bremer Avenue is the best option.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 3

3. Update on AMPERAGE Branding Initiative

Tolan provided an update on the AMPERAGE branding initiative. One-on-one interviews have been completed. Electronic surveys have been sent out, and we have been getting responses. The Fusion Session will be held next week.

- Update and Status Report on Working Recruitment Initiative
 A written update was provided with the agenda. Discussion moved to next meeting due to time constraints.
- 5. Updates from Participants
 - i. Waverly Health Center

Atty provided updates for WHC. He mentioned three main items

- 1. A new computer system
- 2. Moving forward on their building project. Hope to break ground next year.
- 3. Dr. Matthew Glascock will be coming to WHC. He specialized in laparoscopic surgery
- ii. Others
- C. Old Business

None

D. New Business

None

E. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Waverly City Hall.

F. Adjournment

The Economic Development Commission meeting was adjourned.