

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
December 11, 2018
Waverly City Hall – Civic Center
7:00 a.m.

A. Call to Order

1. Voting Members Present: Steve Egli, Chairperson
Brittney Diercks, Vice Chairperson
Gary Grace
Cristol Harms
Gene Lieb
Troy Miller
Paula Stevenson
- Voting Members Absent: Mark Hanawalt
Deb Schroeder
- Non-Voting Partners Present: Darrel Colson, Wartburg
Ed Klamfoth, W-SR Schools
Dean Soash, Mayor
Heidi Solheim, Waverly Health Center
Travis Toliver, Waverly Chamber
Darrel Wenzel, Waverly Utilities
- Non-Voting Partners Absent: Linda Allen, Hawkeye Community College
Jim Atty, Waverly Health Center
Dan McKenzie, City Council Liaison
Sharina Sallis, CUNA Mutual (Largest Employer)
- Staff Present: James Bronner, City Administrator
Connie Tolan, Economic Development Specialist
Bill Werger, Economic Development Director

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion By: Diercks Seconded By: Grace

Move that the agenda be approved as printed.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 2

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion By: Lieb Seconded By: Stevenson

Move that the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Economic Development Commission Meeting be approved.

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 2

B. Regular Business

1. Updates from Participants

Fred Ribich spoke to the commission regarding the Champion's Ridge project. He provided background information that led to the project and what their goals

are. Fred mentioned this project would have a positive economic impact on the City. If you have thoughts or questions, please reach out to Fred.

2. Roundtable Discussion of the Commission's Goals and Objectives

The commission members discussed what they see as the role and purpose of the commission, as well as meeting frequency. This will continue to be an ongoing discussion.

Available land for development is an ongoing concern. It was expressed that the City should not have to cover the entire cost, it should be a public-private partnership. Long term goals should be discussed such as how and where to grow.

The commission should look at meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission to make sure the rules and goals of each commission are aligned to move Waverly forward.

Staff continues to work on some of the issues such as no available business park land. Land prices are a hindrance.

Waverly is growing with a lot of good things going on. Staff comes to this commission for the commission's opinion on items prior to presenting to City Council because they want to know if the commission is supportive of a project or proposal. Due to Waverly's size, we do not have something to vote on every month. We are fortunate that many projects are happening in Waverly without asking for incentives. People want to be in Waverly. Staff receives great feedback from this commission.

3. Discussion of Annual Presentation to City Council in February

The Economic Development Commission will make their annual presentation to the City Council at their study session on February 25, 2019.

C. Old Business

None

D. New Business

None

E. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Waverly City Hall.

F. Adjournment

The Economic Development Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:58 am.