ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES August 11, 2020 Zoom Meeting 7:00 a.m.

The Governor of Iowa has declared a Public Emergency because of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Mayor has determined that an in-person meeting of the City Council is impossible or impractical without violating the Governor's mandates therefore; the Commission would be treated the same way.

When an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical," Iowa Code Section 21.8 permits a governmental body to conduct a meeting by electronic means.

The meeting was conducted by video conference using ZOOM.

A. <u>Call to Order</u> 1. Voting Me

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Voting Members Present:	Brittney Diercks, Chairperson Steve Egli
	Gary Grace
	Gene Lieb
	Troy Miller
	Deb Schroeder
Voting Members Absent:	Paula Stevenson, Vice Chairperson
	Mark Hanawalt
	Crystol Harms
Non-Voting Partners Present:	Jim Atty, Waverly Health Center
5	Bob Buckingham, Waverly Utilities Board of Trustees
	Darrel Colson, Wartburg
	Ed Klamfoth, W-SR Schools
	Matthew Schneider, City Council Liaison
	Travis Toliver, Waverly Chamber
Non-Voting Partners Absent:	Adam Hoffman, Mayor
	Sharina Sallis, CUNA Mutual (Largest Employer)
	Heidi Solheim, Waverly Health Center
	Darrel Wenzel, Waverly Utilities
Staff Present:	Bill Werger, Economic Development Director
	Connie Tolan, Economic Development Specialist
Staff Absent:	James Bronner, City Administrator

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion By:	Schroeder	Seconded By: Grace
Move that t Meeting be		e 9, 2020 Economic Development Commission
Yes: 6	No: 0	Absent: 3

B. Regular Business

1. Review Housing Needs Assessment

Werger led a discussion regarding the Housing Needs Assessment draft that he sent to the Commission to review. Werger also shared an executive summary of the assessment.

Rental housing is still needed in Waverly even after all the units built since our last housing study in 2014. More specifically rentals for low to moderate income and elderly are needed.

In the past Waverly had a need for higher end housing, but the recent study shows that there is a need for housing between \$165,000 and \$219,000.

2. COVID-19 - Updates from Participants

Miller is at GMT now and they are making various additional efforts to protect team members from COVID-19.

Grace said drive through has really helped Jimmy John's, but they are having a hard time hiring new employees.

Klamfoth mentioned that schools start two weeks from yesterday. They have their Return to Learn plan, but know changes may need to be made at any time.

Colson stated that things are always changing and Wartburg is always rethinking protocols such as ways to clean rooms, distribute water and ventilate air. They are taking as many protective steps as they can.

Toliver stated that survey results from the UNI Institute for Decision Making for Bremer county and Main Street Iowa Consumer Confidence Surveys are on the Chamber's resource webpage. The Chamber in conjunction with Waverly Public Library are having a drive-in style Moonlight Movie Night on August 28th featuring Field of Dreams.

C. <u>New Business</u> None

D. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Waverly City Hall.

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.