ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

August 9, 2016

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

A. Call to Order

1. Voting Members Present: Deb Schroeder, Chairperson

Steve Egli, Vice Chairperson

Mark Hanawalt Gene Lieb

Tammy McKenzie

Troy Miller

Voting Members Absent: Heidi Abben

Jim Willis

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

Jim Atty, Waverly Health Center Ed Klamfoth, W-SR Schools

Heidi Solheim, Waverly Health Center Travis Toliver, Waverly Chamber Darrel Wenzel, Waverly Utilities

Non-Voting Partners Absent: Darrel Colson, Wartburg

Chuck Infelt, Mayor

Dan McKenzie, City Council Liaison

Staff Present: James Bronner, City Administrator

Bill Werger, Economic Development Director

Staff Absent: Connie Tolan, Economic Development Specialist

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion By: Egli Seconded By: Hanawalt

Move that the agenda be approved as printed.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 2

3. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion By: Hanawalt Seconded By: Miller

Move that the minutes of the June 14, 2016 Economic Development Commission Meeting be

approved.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 2

4. Communication Items:

None

B. Regular Business

1. Recap of joint meeting with City Council and discussion of next steps

The commission discussed how they thought the joint meeting went and how to move forward. An idea was brought up to take the Housing Strategy and Urban Revitalization back to Council to either formally adopt or decide what needs to be changed in order to adopt. The Urban Revitalization will need revised before bringing it back to Council to include a section on the old CUNA building. Another take away from the meeting is updating the Incentives Strategy.

2. Discussion of Terex plant closing

Werger discussed the Terex plant closing. Informational meetings were held on July 28th. The meetings had great attendance and information. A hiring event is scheduled for August 23rd. We have received numerous calls from employers seeking to get their positions in front of the Terex employees. The Waverly Job Board expanded to include surrounding communities/counties. We were able to tour the plant last week. The plant is very well kept and has a lot of space. The plant will be marketed on LOIS and on the Waverly Economic Development website. The City will support efforts to maintain the Global Business Services division in Waverly.

3. Updates from participants

Waverly Connected is at Bartels this week. Egli asked about the status of Winnebago. Werger mentioned they have an open house next week. The plant is up and running with a couple of open positions. Wenzel stated they are having some install setbacks, but still moving forward. Toliver wanted to thank everyone who supported the Main Street Program. The Upper Story Project is complete. Werger stated there is a DOT public meeting on August 22nd. Allen discussed what was being done with bond money they received.

C. <u>Mayor's Roundtable Discussion</u>

None

D. Old Business

None

E. New Business

None

F. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. in the Civic Center at Waverly City Hall.

G. Adjournment

The Economic Development Commission meeting was adjourned.