

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
November 10, 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 Economic Development Commission 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. Call to Order

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

Solheim encouraged everyone to look at and follow the COVID-19 precautions.

Colson agreed with Solheim. They are trying very hard to keep everyone safe. It seems that infections are coming from the Waverly community to the campus. Encourage to wash hands, socially distance and wear masks.

Klamfoth agreed that some spread may be happening within school, but most of the exposures are coming outside of school.

Stevenson said that the Waverly Chamber Downtown Committee through member Andrew Bell is reaching out to City staff about creating a taskforce to make the Bremer Avenue bridge more attractive before the DOT starts the project. Stevenson also said they were given information about the Rail Trail bridge that its condition is deteriorating and has a limited life span.

Crystal Harms said that despite everything happening, her retail store has done really well. They just launched a new website and are trying to keep coming up with new ideas. Crystal gave Kudos to Krista Dolash. She is doing awesome things for downtown and Waverly in general.

Wenzel said the new electric vehicle parking spots are in. The rates will be set by the board. This gives Waverly national inclusion through the app Charge Point, Electric Vehicle Charging, where Waverly will soon pop up as a place that has an electric vehicle charging location.

C. New Business

D. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at Waverly City Hall or via Zoom

E. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.