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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 6, 2017

Economic Development committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chairman Colwell.

Present: Chairman Colwell, Aldermen Jenkins, Connor, Hughes Mayor White and City Engineer Ken Coulter.

**OLD BUSINESS – BACON BUILDING**

Agenda order was shuffled to allow Engineer Coulter to report on Bacon building roof and suggested direction. Mayor White explained that Ken had been on the roof and viewed the extent of the repairs needed. Ken had also spent time inside the building surveying the damage caused by the roof leaks. He noted mold, water damage to walls, ceilings and flooring. Full extent is not clear due to excessive clutter in the building. Ken suggested we seek immediate repairs to the roof to prevent further damage to the structurally sound building. Mayor White concurred that in his opinion the building is structurally very sound. Mayor White explained that we would need to waive the normal bid process as we want to ask each roof company what they propose is needed and why. This would than give us a variety of cost options to explore as it would be a repair at this time not a new roof. Committee concurred to take to council request to waive bid process. Engineer Coulter exited the meeting at this point and agenda resumed with Plaza video Billboard sign.

**PLAZA VIDEO BILLBOARD**

Mayor White explained that the Video Billboard sign has been a desired project by Marketing and Tourism as well as Economic Development committees. There is currently a bid submitted by Prairie Signs of Normal, IL for roughly \$80,000. It was felt to be a viable option by the mayor and the committee felt it was acceptable. Mayor White proceeded to ask the committee to accept this bid and move forward. Chairman Colwell and Alderman Hughes both felt we need not rush and should seek a second option. The decision was made to contact Greg Owens from Owens Design and to inquire if he could tackle something of this scope. Mayor White said he would contact Greg Owens on 12/07/17 to inquire as to his interest. After talking to Mr. Owens Mayor White will email the committee to update project status and will update the council at 12/11/17 council meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS -3 DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT**

The next agenda item was the 3 diamond development of Senior Housing complex behind city hall. Not much to report at this time other than they have submitted the necessary forms and paper work to pursue the funding for the project. If all goes well we will need to have the land rezoned and deeded to the developer with agreement of return to city possession if project doesn't happen. This will be a legal agreement the attorney would draft, committee concurred.

**OLD BUSINESS - 400 PLAZA DRIVE**

The next Agenda item was 400 Plaza Drive again little update to report at this time. The developer has yet to sign the agreement with the city and hasn't been in contact nor reachable at this time. He has however signed an agreement to purchase the Alco property from Mr. Latta.

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**OLD BUSINESS – 721 THIRD DEMOLITION**

Last item on the agenda was 721 Third Street Demolition; contract was approved at prior council meeting and at this time we are waiting for a signature from Hood demolition to complete the agreement. Cost was \$30,000 for demolition and they are responsible for any Asbestos abatement per agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 P.M.  
Respectfully,  
Chairman Colwell.