

**MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
March 6, 2019**

The Economic Development Committee held a meeting on March 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairman Dan Colwell, Aldermen Connor, Alderman Sharp and Hughes, Mayor White, and Economic Development Director Parker

Absent: Alderman Jenkins

Public speaker: Sandi Level

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Colwell asked for any public comment: There was one citizen who spoke. Sandi Levell in regards to TIF Requirements and rules.

Next Chairman Colwell asked for the budget report. Director Parker stated that no funds had been expended since the last meeting. The only change would be if the HELP loan for Barks N Bubbles gets approved Monday night the HELP loan balance would drop by \$6,000.

HELP LOAN REQUEST

Barks & Bubbles: This item can forward at the last meeting. They had to wait until the Public Hearing was held. Director Parker stated that she had spoke to Dennis Parkins and he said that they held the public hearing and there was no one there to oppose the project. He also stated that he did not have a quorum at his meeting. Since they are only an advisory committee he did not know if the council would need their recommendation or not. Mayor White said he has spoke to Denise about it and she put a call into the City Attorney to see if this could proceed or if a new public hearing would have to be held.

TIF REQUEST

Little Shops of Hoarders- Mike and Cindy Scime who own Little Shops of Hoarders want to purchase Callahan building on 2nd Street. They are asking for a TIF grant in the amount of \$70,000 to help purchase the property. This move would allow them to now have to operate out of two separate locations and expand on the offerings they currently have in the store. They have \$20,000 of their own money to put into the project as well as paying for all the moving expenses. After much discussion it was suggested the Director Parker reach out to the Scime's and see if they would be willing to go with 30% down and then splitting the remainder between a help loan and TIF Grant.

FAÇADE UPDATE: Several meetings ago Dawn Childers was seeking a façade grant. It was put on hold until she checked with her neighbors to see if they would be willing to allow her to have her facility painted to look like a treasure chest. She obtained those signatures. Consensus was to move this forward to council for final approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

OSF Project- Working out the details with them on use of the alley. They want to use it and will pay to have it paved, but don't want ownership of it.

616 4th /Street Video Billboard Update: This will be on Council Agenda on Monday for approval to proceed. Grant that was applied for has some stipulations that may prevent us from using it if granted, it's a wait and see scenario with that.

Overland Group: They are making progress each day. .

M & T Update: Ticket sales are going very well for the Ride the Rails event. The Easter Egg Hunt will be coming up and this year there will only be one hunt and it will be held at City Park. The Optimist Club combined forces with the Chillicothe Merchants to hold one big hunt.

4th Street Corridor Study Update: No updates at this time.

Council Agenda Items – 3 motions

Little Shops of Hoarders
Barks N Bubbles (pending word from Attorney)
Façade Approval for Dawn Childers
Billboard Approval
ED Director replacement-TIF Conference

Chairman - Actions - None

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Chairman Colwell