

## **Economic Development Board meeting January 7, 2016**

Present: Michalski, Trussoni, Wagner, Buttke, Sennholz, Dickrell, and Stabb  
Absent: Meissner  
Others: Randy Lueth, Justin Casperson, Karen Olson, Jason Angell, Angie Eloranta, Amy Krogman. Chris Jockheck, Bill Penker and Adam Hocking,

Sennholz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 108 of the City Hall Plaza.

### **Approve minutes**

**EDB 16-01** Motion by Dickrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Staab to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting.

**Motion carried**

### **Citizen comments**

Bill Penker spoke regarding Wausau's 400 Block and comparing Main Street Marshfield's advertising to Wausau's downtown advertising.

### **Conflicts of interest**

No members indicated that they had a conflict of interest with anything on the agenda.

### **2015-2016 EDB Priorities**

#### Housing

Angell reported the committee will be meeting soon to begin developing an incentive program for building hopefully to beginning this spring.

#### Economic Development Corporation

Next meet will be January 11th

#### 200 Block

The committee discussed Downtown Community Square and the public feedback that has been received. Eloranta stated that the Main Street Board is in support of the project. The only issue she has heard is businesses are worried about parking.

Other feedback that has been heard is:

- Sun structure needed – this could be added to the dining area
- Playground equipment – probably wouldn't work because of the space needed
- Traffic in the area with kids – A barrier can be accomplished with plants/trees.

Angell asked the committee members to meet with business owners to talk about the project.

2<sup>nd</sup> Street Development  
Haven't met

**Economic Development Activity Updates**

Olson reminded the group of the regional supply chain workshop on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Eloranta reported that the pop-up shop went well over the Christmas season. One of the businesses is interested in opening a downtown shop.

Angell reported that the façade program is moving forward. Postcards were sent to property owners. ‘

**EDB16-02** Motion by Buttke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dickrell to go into closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.81(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.” The purpose of the closed session is to consider the possible financial investment in two separate developments within TIF District #7. Roll call vote, all ayes (time 4:02 p.m.) **Motion carried**

Present in closed session: Wagner, Buttke, Staab, Michalski, Sennholz, Trussoni, Dickrell, Angell, Krogman, Eloranta, Jockheck, and Olson

**EDB16-02** Motion by Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buttke to go into open session. Roll call vote, all ayes. (Time 5:08 p.m.) **Motion Carried**

No action was taken in open session

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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