

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

September 12, 2023

Brillion City Center

5:30PM

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Roll Call

Present: Matthew Bennett; Chris Brandt; Kim Buboltz; David Sonnabend,

Absent: Carla Zander, Kory Davis, Council Representative

Staff: Heather Gilbertson, Patty Schreiber (via Zoom)

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Buboltz moved to approve the September 12, 2023, agenda. Second by Bennett. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Buboltz - call to order 7:00AM not 7:00PM

Motion: Buboltz moved to approve the amended minutes for August 10, 2023, minutes. Second by Brant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizen Input - None

Chairperson

Sonnabend had two points to discuss this evening. The first is contact with Todd Kuchenbecker on the outstanding loan he has with the city. The letter needs to be drafted by an attorney. The city attorney has a conflict of interest in this situation so finding a different attorney is necessary. The second is to contact Tammy Williams and find out the status of the bowling alleys and help with renovations. Sonnabend talked with Williams on the phone and she stated she would contact Mike Schwartz and follow up. The outside work has been started and some inside work (kitchen) to do but sounds like the hang up is the follow through on the building permit. Sonnabend would like to be able to support him in anyway.

Treasurer Report - State Bank of Chilton

Motion: Bennett moved to approve the August State Bank of Chilton Treasurer Report. Second by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council Direction

The mayor spoke in regard to RDA vs CDA. The funding source is tricky to figure out. The way this group was set up was a RDA. The mayor would like the RDA to work as a community development group rather than redevelopment. TIF Funding is not applicable because of the CDA vs RDA. In the past there was a community development director which is what created the gray area of funding. The mayor would like to have a CDA/RDA hybrid committee but will need to speak with an attorney before he goes any further. The timeline the mayor is hoping for is by the end of this year however there are obstacles to overcome before that can happen. The city administrator would hold the role of community development director and work closely with the committee. Sonnabend had a follow up question as to how often the committee should still be meeting. The mayor suggestion to continue the monthly scheduled and if there is no need to meet, they can cancel. Buboltz stated that the city had a CDA director for years. The mayor would like to bring that position back in the future, even if just a part time position. The committee agrees.

Main Street Business Fronts

Brandt questioned about the trees being taken down out front. The mayor stated that 2 were taken down in front of City Center, 1 behind the Community Center, and 1 on Lee Avenue growing in the terrace. Brandt asked about huge trees on private properties. The mayor stated that private property issues would need to be handled by the police.

TID 2, 3, 4, and 5 Update

Sonnabend mentioned the closing of TIFs in the future and questioned if closing of the TIFs would bring additional money? The mayor had spoken with the auditor about this but could not recall at this time the answer.

Old Business

Bennett stated that they are a member short. The mayor has been looking to fill the open positions however it is difficult because people tend to shy away due to the social media exposure and negativity associated with it.

New Business

The October meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5:30pm. Schreiber will be unable to attend however Gilbertson will be there in her absence.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Heather Gilbertson
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer