

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, December 20, 2019
City Hall – Conference Room #2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Diane McGinnis, Kasindra Mladenoff, Chris LaBounty, David Pinkerton, Brian Stolper, Kurt Schiele, Tim Ricordati, Don Meyers, Melissa Villanueva

Absent: Maryann Gorski, Mark Anglewicz, Pat Wagner, Nina Radke

Also Present: Mark Mulliner, Kevin York, Jim Grabowski, Mike Kopp, Erin Jason, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order by Bill Shanklin at 7:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Rich Reichert moved, seconded by Chris LaBounty to approve the EDC Minutes of November 22, 2019 as submitted. Voice vote, unanimous, motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Bill wished everyone present Holiday Greetings of the Season.

There were twelve retention/business visits recorded. Ken Bartels went over the new EDC outline for retention/business visits by commissioners in 2020. Each commissioner is to provide Ken with four names for a master list which Ken will monitor. Ken is also available to assist with names and details as in the past. The names are due to Ken before the January 24, 2020 EDC meeting which will also serve as the planning meeting for the year.

James Grabowski shared with the EDC details on the 2020 City budget, tax levy, the IGA with School District 205 and the stormwater bonds with our AAA rating.

Erin Jason provided information on: Sweet 4 You, Bookmark, Uptown Shop, Patson Corporation, Guac & Tacos, former Rainbow site, and the 2020 Census plans to date.

Mike Kopp mentioned that studies are showing that e-commerce succeeds better when accompanied by selected brick and mortar sites.

Erin asked for commissioner suggestions for 2020 guest speakers. Suggestions included: Beth Marchetti/DCVB and representatives who could speak to changes in e-commerce, 'B' corporations, and enterprise funds.

Tim Ricordati shared that the City had sold and vacated Walter Street to Elmhurst College for enhanced parking and beautification. Erin mentioned that Elmhurst College marketing students had been helpful with the 2020 Census. John Quigley informed the EDC on the completed 2020 Chamber Directory and the January 8, 2020 'State of the County' event and the January 31, 2020 'Chamber Gala' which will feature Elmhurst Auto Group as the business of the year and Bill Shanklin being inducted into the Civic Hall of Fame. Rich Reichert reminded the EDC that the annual 'State of Our City' event will be on January 16, 2020 at Community Bank of Elmhurst. It was noted that December 23, 2019 is the

residential assessment appeal deadline with the County. OMA training will take place at City Hall on January 27, 2020 for anyone who may require it or wish to have a refresher.

The next EDC meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2020 at City Hall.

Motion made by Tim Ricordati, seconded by Brian Stolper, to adjourn the EDC meeting at 8:45 a.m. Voice vote, unanimous, motion carried.

Submitted as a draft by Erin Jason and Ken Bartels