**Minutes**

*The mission of the Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create a shared prosperity in our community by retaining, sustaining, and enhancing existing businesses and community organizations, attracting, and developing new businesses and improving and upgrading infrastructure.*

**Date: 6/5/2024**

**Time: 6:15 pm**

**Location: 124 S Washington St, Mt Pulaski IL**

**Meeting Type: Business**

1. Call to Order: Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm
2. Roll Call: Present- Andrew Meister, Tracy Pulliam, Erin Wyss, Doug Johnson, and administrator Deanna Howard. Corey Leonard was absent.
3. Introduction of guests: Cindy Jackson was present representing FarmFed.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda payments and minutes: No payments to approve. **Erin motioned to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Ben seconded the motion. All present members voted to approve.**
5. Treasurer Report: Deanna presented the treasurer's report.
6. Old Business
   1. Project Updates
      1. FarmFed Co-Op: Cindy attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the grants submitted. The EDPB had tabled the grants, requesting additional information since they have received funding from other sources. Cindy confirmed that both requests are still needed because they have discovered that the roof must be replaced. Deanna will work with her to get this in order. The board tabled this request.
      2. Town Square Revitalization: Final deliverables have come in from Massie and Massie. The mayor and Deanna will have a presentation at the next 2nd Friday on the square highlighting this project and other city projects.
      3. Market on the Hill: No updates.
      4. Frazier Park: Deanna emailed the information for this project to the board members. The city’s public works director is managing this project and has said it is a 5-year plan.
      5. 24/25 Budget: Erin presented the budget for the current fiscal year. The board reviewed the budget and discussed other projects that could be accomplished such as cleaning up the pond and making it more accessible. They suggested reaching out to the park district to see if they have any upcoming projects.  
         The board discussed sending a letter to organizations that do community service projects and helping with funds for the projects. Some suggestions were meals for volunteers and tools or supplies that would be needed for a service project. The budget was not approved at this meeting.
   2. Fireworks: The fund has $1500 in its account from last year. They will add this to the funds they will receive from the city and EDPB. They will pass the boot again this year and that will go towards next year’s fireworks. The budget is $12,000. The city gave $6,000 so they are requesting EDPB give $6,000. **Tracy motioned to approve the request for a $6,000 donation. Ben seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andrew-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, Doug-aye, Ben-aye. Corey was absent.**
7. New Business
   1. City Council Updates: All updates covered under agenda items.
   2. 24/25 FY Meeting Schedule: Deanna did not have this but will bring it to the next meeting.
   3. EDPB CD: The bank offered to renew the CD at 4.5% for 13 months. **Ben motioned to renew the CD and Tracy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andrew-aye, Tracy-aye, Erin-aye, Doug-aye, Ben-aye. Corey was absent.**
   4. Logan County Economic Development Partnership, NFP donation request: The board discussed this request and decided to have Deanna reach out to Bill and invite him to a meeting to help the board become more proactive. This donation request will be reviewed at the July 10, 2024, meeting.
8. Other Business/Non-Agenda items: Deanna reported that the city received a $250,000 grant for the safe route to schools and answered questions. She will email the information to the board members.  
   The board discussed the city’s building demolition plans and the funds to be used from the Business District Tax funds.
9. Executive Session: None
10. Next Meeting 7/10/2024 6:15 pm at City Hall
11. Adjournment: **Tracy motioned to adjourn, and Doug seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye” and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.**