**Mt. Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board**

*The mission of the Mt. 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 September 7th, 2019**

**Meeting Location: 124 South Washington Street, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548**

**Meeting type: Business meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1] Call to order**

Tom Martin called to order the regular meeting of the Mt. Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board at 9:00am on August 10th, 2019 at the Courthouse Foundation Office.

**2] Roll call**

Lorah Hoe conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Tom Marin, Andy Meister, Jim Birge, Erin Wyss, Deron Powell, and Hillary Cherry. Tim Emrick (city council representative). Lorah Hoe (Administrative Aide).

Guests: Bill Thomas (Logan County Economic Development Director) Matt Bobell (Mayor of Mt. Pulaski) Doug Johnson (John’s True Value) and Rick Volle (Farmer’s Bank).

Absent: Tyler White

**3] Introduction of guests**

Rick Volle is here in support of Doug Johnson, TIF extension, and the sale of Debra’s building.

**4] Approval of August 10th Minutes**

Deron made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Hillary, all in favor and motion passed.

**5] Treasurer’s Report**

Andy made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Jim, all in favor and motion passed.

**Old Business**

**6] Desired Outcomes**

Project Updates

Retain, sustain, and enhance our existing businesses and community organizations

* Grant Review and Discussion: Action Item

New Documents will be created with old paperwork which includes policy changes, qualifications, and new criteria. The grants will be assessed on a quarterly basis. Bill, Andy, and Hillary are continuing on this project.

* Shopping Center Update

Deron and Doug met with True Value sales rep. and had a business plan and design to present to the board. Dave Leonatti looked at the building and gave a rough estimate for what the costs of the renovation might be. Doug is currently looking for more concrete numbers from contractors to have an idea of how much money this might cost him. Doug can possibly get funds through the business district tax funds, the Economic Development Planning Board Community Donation Fund, TIF funds, the City, and through personal financing.

This project will help the TIF extension because it fits the criteria needed. Money may be available from the TIF funds for Doug.

Attract and develop new businesses

* Market on The Hill Project

Thursday 12th of Sept. is the Farm to Table Social Hour. There is will be a presentation given by Tom, pledges will be collected and we hope to have $50,000 in pledges in order to move forward. Word is spreading about this project to other areas in central Illinois.

Improve and upgrade infrastructure

* Town Square Revitalization

We have gotten designs from Dave Leonetti. The storm drains will need to be addressed. The City will have to be involved in this project and well as the IDNR. There are grants for rural development, street work, and infrastructure.

* Discussion of Demolition of Buildings

Deron, Rick, Dave, Dee, and Debra met up to discuss the Salt Creek Attic building. The power to the building has been repaired. Rick recommended to the board that the city have an inspection done from the outside of the building so that it can be condemned. A letter should be sent to her and to her financer about the condition of the property.

**7] Revolving Loan Discussion**

Tom will speak with Farmer’s bank about investment opportunities for the Community Fund Account.

**New Business**

**8] Employee Evaluation**

Deron and Tom will put a form together for the employee evaluation for Lorah Hoe.

Next Meeting: October 5th, 2019 at 9:00am.

**Adjournment**

Hillary made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Deron, all in favor and motion passed. Adjourn at 10:15.