MEETING MINUTES

# Mt. Pulaski Economic Advisory Board

## January 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm

## Meeting location: 106 South Washington Street, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548 Meeting type: Strategic planning meeting

PRESENT: Hillary Cherry, Renee Martin, Tom Martin, and City of Mt. Pulaski Representative, Matt Bobell

ABSENT: Shaun Tyson and Tim Emrick

GUESTS: none

Tom Martin called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm. Roll call was taken with four (4) present and two (2) absent.

**Meeting Minutes**

Reviewed meeting minutes from January 20, 2018, business meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Renee Martin. Second by Tom Martin. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Tim Emrick presented treasurers report.

**New Business**

Reviewed Hilltopper Wind Energy, LLC donation agreement. Motion to approve donation agreement by Renee Martin. Second by Tom Martin. Roll call vote: Hilary Cherry: Yes, Renee Martin: Yes, Tom Martin: Yes, Tim Emrick: Absent, Shaun Tyson: Absent.

Reviewed information covered during strategic planning session facilitated by Sara Watson. No action taken.

Committee development was discussed. Tom Martin made a motion that the following committees would be developed: Communciations (chaired by Hillary Cherry), Community Grants (chaired by Renee Martin), Business Development (chaired by Shaun Tyson and Tim Emrick) and Community Infrastructure (chaired by Tom Martin). Second by Hillary. Motion passed.

Discussed school crossing sign funding to be paid for out of the business sales tax funds. Matt Bobell explained that this was brought to the City Council’s attention at a regular City Council meeting by the Superintendent as being an issue. Hillary Cherry questioned whether or not this fit with the Economic Advisory Board’s goals and asked if funded, if the school would be paying a portion of the bill and the city would pay a portion. Matt Bobell stated that the school board members he had talked with about this stated it was not a priority and something that the school wanted to fund. Tom Martin asked about a school crossing guard. Matt Bobell said that the school had placed an ad in the local paper for the position of crossing guard but it was a volunteer position and they had not filled the position. Tom Martin asked whether the city police department could give citations to those speeding in the school zone if it was a problem and if the citation funding from those tickets could help fund a school crossing sign. Matt Bobell was going to look into where citation funding goes. No further action was taken on this item.

Community meeting was discussed. Tom Martin made a motion to have a community meeting on February 24, 2018, from 1-3 pm at the American Legion, if available. Second by Renee Martin, Motion passed.

Discussed requesting bids for a new City of Mt. Pulaski website. Hillary will start developing a plan for requesting bids and present it at the next meeting.

**Old Business**

Meeting attendance at the City Council and Business Association Meetings was discussed. Hillary Cherry will attend the City Council meeting on February 13 and Renee Martin will attend the City Council meeting on March 13. Tom Martin will attend the Business Association meeting at Moochelle’s Kid Care on February 15, and Shaun Tyson will attend the Business Association meeting at the Old Brickyard on March 14.

Town square beautification was discussed. Tom Martin is obtaining more information in regard to this to present at a future meeting. The need for street repair on the square was discussed. Tom Martin was to contact Bill Fricke, Streets and Alleys Superintendent, to find out what needs to be done and to report it at a future meeting. Matt Bobell also mentioned benches on the square. The businesses in town may be donating supplies and the high school class will be donating the time to make these.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Matt Bobell reported on the Athletic Association requesting money for repair at Frasier Park. The board asked Matt Bobell to inform the Athletic Association that a grant application will be coming soon and we will need further information on what repairs are needed and the cost before any action can be taken on this.

Next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Renee Martin to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tom Martin. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hillary Cherry, Secretary