MEETING MINUTES

# Mt. Pulaski Economic Advisory Board

## November 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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

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

ABSENT: Shaun Tyson

GUESTS: Bill Thomas, Alan Schaal, Sarah Watson

Tom Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call was taken with five (5) present and one (1) absent. Introduced guest Bill Thomas, Alan Schaal, and Sarah Watson.

**Meeting Minutes**

Reviewed meeting minutes from October 23, 2017, business meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Renee Martin. Second by Tim Emrick. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Tim Emrick presented treasurers report. The Business District Fund had the following deposits: October 2017 $7,062.89 (less $144) and November 2017 $7,249.50 (less $148). These deposits were amended by the State of Illinois ($144 and $148) respectively for a 2% tax on anything over and above 6.25%. In addition, $1,000 were allocated out of the general fund by the City Council for expenses. Motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Hillary Cherry. Second by Renee Martin. Motion passed.

**New Business**

1. Statement of independence was discussed.
   1. Tom Martin and Tim Emrick gave a brief report on what was discussed in regard to this in the October City Council Meeting.
   2. Discussion was held about modifying the ordinance and taking out City Development and Redevelopment plan section 228 where it talks about “all monies received as donations”.
2. Procedure for expenditure
   1. The following items were discussed in regard the decision making process on spending:
      1. The need to site goals from the plan
      2. Majority vote
      3. Distribute to City Council Members
      4. Present at City Council Meetings
      5. Resolute to appropriate
   2. Discussion was held on clear separation between Business District Funds and gifts/donations. No action made at this time.
3. Attendance schedule
   1. Tom Martin suggested that Economic Advisory Board members be present at City Council meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and Business Association Meetings monthly. Renee Martin volunteered to attend December’s City Council meeting. Tom Martin volunteered to attend December’s Business Association meeting. Future meeting attendance will be determined on a monthly basis.
4. Strategic planning will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9 am to 3 pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to set up strategic goals/mission and help the Economic Advisory Board to move forward.

**Old Business**

Tom Martin brought up the donation agreement but no action was taken. Discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Bill Thomas asked to speak about the Economic Development office. The Logan County Board is no longer funding this but Bill Thomas will continue in his current partnership.

Tom Martin asked that all board members review their calendars to select the next meeting date. The date of January 20 was set for the strategic planning meeting and January 22 was established as the next regular business meeting date at with the option to set future meeting dates and times at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Renee Martin to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tim Emrick. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Hillary Cherry, Secretary