MEETING MINUTES

# Mt. Pulaski Economic Advisory Board

## March 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm

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

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

ABSENT: Renee Martin

GUESTS: none

Tom Martin called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Roll call was taken with six (5) present and (1) absent.

**Meeting minutes**

Reviewed meeting minutes from February 26, 2018, business meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Tim Emrick. Second by Shaun Tyson. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s report**

Tim Emrick presented treasurers report. Tom Martin asked for approval of a $275 bill to the American Legion for use of the building for the Community Meeting in February to be approved. Motion to approve treasurer’s report as presented and pay the $275 to the American Legion by Shaun Tyson and second by Hillary Cherry. Motion passed.

**New business**

Committee reports:

* Community grants: none
* Website development:
	+ Website will be discussed at the City Council meeting on March 13, 2018. If the website is approved, Hillary will begin working with the City and Business Builders on the website.
	+ Discussed applying for a grant to cover website costs for initial development. Hillary will call Dwight to discuss grant deadlines and any further questions. Grant application will be completed one meeting prior to deadline for final review.
* Business development and retention:
	+ Shaun Tyson discussed the grocery store situation stating that he has heard nothing from Save A Lot and is going to continue researching other options such as additional groceries as a part of Dollar General or a food cooperative.
* Town square renovation and development:
	+ Tom Martin discussed having a community meeting for this committee on March 24, 2018, from 8-9 am at Calm Creek Café.
	+ Tom Martin brought up Market Days being on the 2nd Friday evening of each month from May through September on the square. The Economic Advisory Board will need to be present at these events but our level involvement will be discussed at a future meeting. The possibility of wearing matching t-shirts for the event was discussed as well.
* In other new business, Tom Martin asked board members to look at the Illinois Rural Affairs Council website. He also stated that there may be availability of a Peace Corps coordinator to volunteer time to assist our community.

**Old business**

None

**Misc. business**

None

Next meeting scheduled for March 26, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Tim Emrick to adjourn the meeting. Second by Shaun Tyson. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hillary Cherry, Secretary