

CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2018

The Phillipsburg Economic Development Advisory Board met on July 11, 2018, 6:00 P.M., at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lance Munyon.
- ATTENDANCE** BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Isernhagen; Angie Wells; Mildred Hadley; Dustin Springer; Morris Engle; Max Dibble; Taylor Redinger; Mike Gower; Rhonda Keese; Jayne Holle; Dakota Wilkinson; Lance Munyon.
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Bugbee; Stacie Ricker.
- ALSO PRESENT: Tim Driggs, Public Works Supervisor; Brenda Chance, City Clerk.
- MINUTES APPROVED** Moved by Wilkinson, seconded by Engle, to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- OATH OF OFFICE** The Board members repeated the oath of office lead by Mayor Munyon. An American flag was given to each member.
- BUSINESS SURVEY** Munyon summarized the results of the business retention and expansion survey. Fifty two responses were received.
- HOUSING SURVEY** Munyon reported 26 responses were received to the housing survey. Keese, Wilkinson, and Munyon will compile the survey responses.
- MEETINGS 2nd WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH** Discussion was held concerning the need for additional meetings at this time. Moved by Wells, seconded by Engle, to meet the second Wednesday of each month. Voting Aye: Isernhagen, Wells, Hadley, Springer; Engle, Dibble, Redinger, Keese, Holle, Munyon. Opposed: Wilkinson.
- VISION** The Board needs to complete the vision and then get community input. The vision list from the May 9th meeting minutes was reviewed.
- SALES TAX** Discussion was held concerning the .5% sales tax that will be voted on at the August 7th election. The sales tax will be used for capital improvement projects.
- CDBG** The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) survey was discussed. At this time the city does not have enough low to moderate income people who have completed the survey.
- SCHOOLS** Discussion was held concerning the future of schools. Discussion was held about the possible need for school consolidation due to the lack of teachers and residents wanting to lessen property tax burdens. Discussion was held concerning the Phillipsburg school buildings size and needs. New buildings are not in the district's long range plan at this time.

POPULATION	Dibble said the county population is predicted to be down 1,500 in 10 years and there is also an aging population. Gower noted that people don't come back without a tie to the community. The 2020 census will continue to shift the number of government representatives to larger populated areas.
AG PROPERTY VALUATION	Dibble reported agricultural land use value is up but in 2 more years the high commodity prices will be dropping off the formula and agricultural land valuation will drop.
FIELDHOUSE	Discussion was held concerning a fieldhouse type building similar to the Hoisington building which would include the Wellness Center. This will be added to the list.
GOLF COURSE	Redinger recommended adding a city owned golf course to the increased quality of life category.
EDUCATION	Post-secondary education was discussed including using the armory for vo-tech type education.
SPORTS COMPLEX	Redinger will join the sports complex committee.
ENTERTAIN DIST.	Wells stated the entertainment district needs a bar within the city.
NEXT STEP	The next steps will include visiting with the community, getting names, and forming sub-committees.
ADA	ADA compliance for the city facilities will increase public access.
4-H BUILDNG	The 4-H building now has air conditioning.
RETIREMENT HOME SPACE	Hadley asked if there are enough retirement home spaces for an aging population. Engle reported the space is available however there is a lack of a work force. An open house will be held at Phillips County Retirement Center on August 19 th from 2-4 p.m.
COMMITTEES	Redinger & Munyon will work on the golf course issue. Springer & Munyon will work on the fieldhouse issue. Engle will work on workforce development, retention, & recruitment along with Holle and the post-secondary education group. Gower & Munyon will work on school buildings. Driggs is working on ADA compliance for city facilities. Jillian Bohl is the chair of the walking trail committee. Munyon will work on the amphitheatre at the park. Keesee will assist Wells with the entertainment district. Holle and Hadley will work on the doctor recruitment and hospital. No one spoke up to work on making the north entrance more appealing.
TRAINING	Engle reported the Hansen Economic Innovation Center in Norton has training dollars available for on-line computer training coding. They are also looking at bringing 3-D printing manufacturing to Northwest Kansas.
BUSINESSES	Discussion was held concerning the need to fill the buildings in the downtown area with businesses and not storage.

ANNEXATION Discussion was held concerning the possibility of annexing the golf course building.

TOWN HALL A town hall meeting will be held July 23rd, 7 p.m., at the Huck Boyd Community Center. Information concerning the sales tax election will be held as well as information concerning the work of this group.

COUNTY Dibble reported the County's construction project north of the city will begin in October.

NEXT MEETING A communication plan will be developed the next meeting. Civic groups and other groups will be identified for programs. A critical path will be developed for the completion of items. Groups to communicate with include: Chamber, Kiwanis, Rotary, and large employer's employee groups. Wells will contact her pastor about how to approach churches.

The next meeting will be August 8th at 6:00 p.m.

HOUSING The housing survey was made available on My Phillips County Online and the City's website.

ADJOURN Moved by Engle, seconded by Holle, to adjourn – time 7:24 p.m.

Brenda L. Chance
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