

PAYSON CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Payson City Building 439 West Utah, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Meeting held virtually via Zoom

CONDUCTING	Brian Hulet
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Brian Hulet, Mayor Bill Wright, Mike Hardy, Kris Phillips, Win Jeanfreau, Kevin Johnson, David Tuckett. Todd Brighwell, Scott Wilson, David Charles.
EXCUSED	Taresa Hiatt, Lyn Abplanap, Scott Phillips
STAFF	Amanda Baker – Secretary

Meeting began at 8:00 am

THINGS HAPPENING IN PAYSON

Brian reported on some of the things happening in Payson. He showed some renderings of the proposed Parris RV building and lot. He reviewed sales tax numbers and building permit numbers. Brian reported the City Council has approved a budget to study the west side.

Mayor Wright reported that they have awarded the contract Fornsgren Engineering to draw the plans for the new sewer plant, Dave Tucket reported we have to have the plant up and running by 2024. Dave reported our current plant can handle 3 million gallons per day and the new plant will bring us to 5 million gallons per day.

Dave reported they have been working with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to upgrade our billboard lease agreement and they have agreed on the lease agreement. Dave reported it will allow advertising and will be larger. Brian stated the sign will have a nice base and will allow us to advertise our events and we can allow the State or County to put things on it as well.

Mayor Wright also reported, there has also been some interest in an equestrian park on the west side.

Brian reported on the Holdaway property development. They have approval for a 55+ apartment complex, regular townhomes, and some commercial property.

Mayor reported on the plans for the roads downtown. He indicated there is money available and we will be applying for it.

Kevin informed the group of the COVID situation at the hospital. He said they have been very busy and it has been taxing on them. Ty asked how the hospital staff has been reacting to the vaccine. Kevin reported they haven't seen too many reactions but there have been some, mostly with those who have already had COVID or those getting the second dose.

Scott Wilson reported on the COVID situation at the schools. He said they have been faring better. Unfortunately, it seems like it is creeping in from people being together for the holidays. He gave an update on COVID testing efforts and immunizations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brian reviewed the city code regarding the Economic Development Board and asked if we want to put in applications for board members and see if we can get some people who will be more engaged.

David Charles thought it would be a great idea to see what interest there is. Mayor mentioned we need to make sure we maintain a core group of business people. Brian thinks it would be good to have people apply. Win mentioned it may be good to include someone from UVU and MTECH and stated there is value in being very strategic in choosing board members. Ty agreed and thinks that it will help with the commitment aspect.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Mayor Wright nominated Brian Hulet as the Economic Development Committee Chairperson. Seconded by Mike Hardy. Brian accepted.

Scott Wilson suggested board members serve for one year. He said they have seen success on their boards with serving for one year because people's lives change and get busy.

Dave also mentioned the board should discuss how many board members there should be. We have to have a majority to conduct business.

Todd mentioned we could have contributing members and board members.

David Charles reported on his assignment for the Payson Stakeholders meeting. He recalled Liberty Safe had questions about power and there was a lot of conversation about hiring as well as parking in the True Value area. Brian mentioned hiring is still a problem. Brian suggested we have two meetings, one with the stakeholders (key businesses) and one that would invite any business and the Chamber could take the lead on that. David also requested that Amanda be involved to take minutes.

Brian asked Ty to approach the Chamber about this idea. Set date for February 17, 2021, at 8:00 am for the Stakeholders meeting.

Mayor and Kevin Johnson left the meeting at 8:57 am.

Brian requested we have another meeting to discuss goals. The next meeting is set for January 27, 2021.

Win reported on the downtown efforts and the brand rollout. Brian mentioned the brand rollout will be on June 19, 2021.

Todd reported on what is happening in economic development on the state level. He believes Payson is positioned well and being heard.

Ty mentioned the downtown group is meeting once a month. He encouraged all to participate. The next downtown meeting will be on January 19th.

Next meeting January 27th, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 am