

PAYSON CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Mountain View Hospital, 1000 East 100 North, Suite 325, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Meeting held virtually via Zoom

CONDUCTING Brian Hulet

COMMITTEE MEMBERS Brian Hulet, Dave Tuckett, City Manager, Taresa Hiatt, Mike Hardy, Ty Jones, Todd Brightwell, Lyn Abplanap, Scott Wilson Win Jeanfreau

OTHERS
EXCUSED Scott Phillips,

STAFF Amanda Baker – Secretary

Meeting began at 8:00 am

Motion by Scott Wilson to approve the Minutes from May 13, 2020. Motion seconded by Win Jeanfreau.

THINGS HAPPENING IN PAYSON

Mayor reported he has met David Winnie. He said there is a group of business people that would like to buy the DeHart property. The DeHart's are open to listening to a proposal. Mayor said that he continues to work on getting Home Depot. He has also reached out to Smith's Marketplace. Mayor also reported Chubby's is putting their sign up on the building so they are moving forward and IHOP is open and doing business. Dalton's has remodeled and is trying to open up.

Mayor Wright reported he, Dave and Brian met with UTA representatives to try to get a front runner stops down in Payson. He reported UTA is interested in having a repair shop in Payson which will help secure that we have stops in Payson. Mayor Wright said that the meeting with UTA went really well. He also mentioned the owners of the Hiatt property by Walmart is working on subdividing it. They have a couple of restaurants that are looking to locate there and they would like to own the property. Brian mentioned to Scott Wilson that the hotel is probably looking for help from the School District. Brian also stated we may need to work with the School district on a CDA to build an Adventure park including a RV dealership.

Kris reported she is open and moving forward. The response has been amazing and hasn't had anyone complain about them doing business. She reported she is not where she needs to be but she's not complaining. The first big movie will be release on July 17th.

Taresa reported her business is having good days and bad days. She said people are spending money but there aren't a lot of customers. She said she is hoping the fear starts to go away.

Ty reported he is having a lot of people coming to the door. He stated his business hasn't really been affected. He said he has a lot of business with people who want to come in.

Scott stated the design of the new Highschool is going really well. He reported budgets are taking a huge hit for the next few years. Scott said when it comes to COVID infections, the highest probability of getting infected is family gatherings, church and school. Nebo School District wants to minimize the student's disruptions and at this point they would like everyone back in school but wearing masks. Other School Districts are suggesting a modified A/B day schedule so they will only go to school 2 days a week. Mayor Wright asked if the property acquisition is still moving along, Scott replied that it is slowly moving forward.

Todd Brightwell reported the county cut back their economic development budget so he doesn't have a contract with them anymore but they are working on a different approach to economic development and he will keep the group informed. He stated there has been a drastic difference between doing business in Salt Lake count and Utah county and

things in Utah County are doing well. Brian reported this is the time to increase the Economic Development budget and not decrease it.

COVID

Mayor Wright reported on the CARE act. He reported the County has stated the Cities will be getting 55% of the awarded amount. Our part of that money will be 1.4 million dollars sent directly to the city. We have identified where we want to allocate that money.

Win gave an update on the COVID response plan. Discussion was held regarding the plan and the implementation. Win felt that there should be an official rapid response committee created with members of this group. The group felt that it was a good idea. Win requested that it be made in an official motion.

Motion by Tyler Jones by to form a rapid response committee. Kris expressed that it's important that this resource is available.

Discussion was held about this committee. Win suggested it be an executive committee of 5 individuals with a permanent director. Brian suggested that this director be someone who can work full time on this. He really felt strongly that this person be able to devote enough time to the things that need to happen. Mayor Wright expressed that this committee work closely with Utah County so we use our money wisely. He mentioned that we don't want to allocate money to a place the county is already allocating money to. He also suggested we work closely with the other Mayors in Utah County. Brian agreed and said that is why we need to have someone full time that can work with the county and make sure we get all that we can.

Motion by Win Jeanfreau to create an executive committee to leverage county funds and other funds available to accomplish the task. Motion Seconded by Mayor Wright.

More discussion was held regarding this committee. Brian asked if his person could be hired under the City. Dave stated it would need to be under the City then the City Council would have to approve and allocate the money. Dave said he supports using the stimulus money to hire someone. Dave said we need to make sure we are using the money for legitimate expenses. Mayor Wright suggested that we need to see what the language states and Dave mentioned he is in support. Mayor mentioned there are changes to the regulations daily. Dave said he is 100% on board because there is no one in the City or Chamber that could dedicate that much time. Dave suggested it would need to be a contract employee.

Motion by Brian to establish a 5-member sub-committee under the Economic Development Board, hiring a contract employee to figure out how to spend the funds, update the business list and make sure that we are using the money as approved by the CARES Act. Seconded by Win. Win nominated that Mike Hardy be recommended for the position. Dave reminded everyone that this must be approved by the City Council but he will take the recommendation to them. Motion approved.

Brian asked Dave to take this to the City Council and to make sure we can use the funds to hire someone. Mayor Wright said he would talk to the County Commissioners.

GOLF EVENT

Brian reminded everyone that the Golf Event is October 1st so please make a list of people you would like to invite. He also mentioned that we should reach out to some realtors.

MAIN STREET AND EDA GRANT

Dave asked if Brian has been seeing a decline in building permit funding. Brian said they have been holding steady. Brian stated he feels that we are going to get through this and do well.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04