

PAYSON CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Payson City Center, 439 West Utah Avenue, Payson UT 84651
Wednesday, December 7, 2022

CONDUCTING Brian Hulet

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dave Tuckett – City Manager
Brian Hulet – Economic Development Director
Bill Wright – Mayor
Ty Jones - Business Owner/ Main Street
Kris Phillips – Stadium Cinemas
David Charles – Business Owner
Dan Herbert
Todd Brightwell

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Kevin Johnson – Mountain View Hospital
Bob Provstgaard
Win Jeanfreau – Impact Utah
Robert Mills, Development Services Director, Payson City
Lynn Abplanalp – PPC Flexible
Taresa Hiatt – City Council
Jade Walker-Payson Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce
Ben Ford – Nebo School District

STAFF Kinda Hooser, Secretary

Brian Hulet called this meeting of the Economic Development Board of Payson City, Utah, to order at 8:03 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

1. Welcome

Brian Hulet welcomed everyone; those in person and online. Introductions were done for the new guest 1. Nebo comfort cleaning and air 2. Jim Roland the new executive director for the Payson & Santaquin area Chamber of Commerce. 3. Wes Curtis with SUU Economic Development.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ty Jones to approve the minutes from November 2, 2022. Seconded by Mayor Bill Wright. Motion carries.

3. Replacement Mike Hardy

Brian H had 8 applications turned in. He is in the process of asking for resumes and then he will start interviews.

Chamber Replacement for Michelle Lines, she has stepped down as the Chamber Executive Director. Jim Rowland will take over that position. Motion to approve subject to the Chamber approval. Motion made by Mayor Bill Wright. Seconded by Ty Jones.

4. Report on things happening in Payson

Mayor reported they are still working on the hotel that will come in west of Walmart. It has been 3+ years, they have been talking with Mike Martinez. Mike has introduced the Mayor to Gary Patel, who is very well known in the hotel industry. Mayor recently had a conversation with both Gary and Mike, they have been having some challenges that they are working through. Gary mentioned he is ready to move forward, he has already contacted the hotel chain that Mayor believes everyone will be happy with. Mayor also mentioned there will be some commercial retail pads in the same area as the hotel.

Mayor mentioned they have had some economic repercussions, but they are still working on the new interchange. The city has let UDOT know they are moving forward politically; we have high-powered lobbyist that are going to help get this interchange started.

Mayor reported they are still working on getting a Smith's Marketplace into Payson. Smith's wants to build it is just a matter of time and place.

Jones Paint and Glass has already submitted plans for both retail and their manufacturing plant. Popeye's will be opening by the middle of December according to their district manager.

Dutch Brothers has already opened, so far, they have been a great community ally. Currently, they are donating \$1 for every large beverage to the Nebo School District. Just recently they supplied 65 gallons of Hot Chocolate for the Christmas Creche in the park.

Brian reported they just put in for some grants with the State Tourism Office. They applied for a 100,000 grant for a feasibility study to do an indoor rodeo arena. They applied for two implementation grants each 25,000. Brian mentioned the dabble puzzle of Payson we are doing. We have already paid to get 6,000 puzzles for Adventure days. Dabble also would do an 8x10 wooden puzzle of the same thing to put up in the downtown breezeway when it is done which will be an additional 20,000 dollars. They have put in for a 25,000 dollar grant for Adventure days in June. And they applied for two product development grant each 100,000 dollars for the Huish Theater and the Food Hall downtown. Brian mentioned these grants have no match.

Mayor mentioned they have rented the Food Hall building to a guy that is holding corn hole tournaments. He said they are doing well the first night they had 20 but 3 weeks into it they now have 40. They are thinking if it grows anymore, they will need a bigger building. They have started networking with some business nearby and are offering coupons for the winners.

Brian mentioned they are working on an Innovation Center, for the startup of small businesses. They are working with UVU which is trying to get some money to have an employee down here.

- Payson City is doing a Survey. They just want some thoughts about the city.
- Spring Lake has asked the State for them to become a city. This would take everything from Payson boundaries to Santaquin boundaries.
- CMP gun range back on track they are coming out to do a tour in February with Utah County.

Brian shared his screen showing sales tax and revenue. Property and sales tax are going up. We have doubled our property tax in the city. Right now, construction is at the highest it has ever been. However, it is slowing down.

Rail Spur

If this works out it really can benefit Payson and the south end of the valley.

Food Hall

Working with an architect on the design, Brian shared the plans/ideas the architect created. Discussion about different ideas and concerns with the design.

Adventure days still going to happen 1st weekend in June. Discussion about the list of events and our branding of Payson.

5. Visit Assignments Report

Committee members were asked to keep the Google docs report updated. This month he would like committee members to find out who the owner of the company is and their contact information, find out how many employees they have etc. Just put any information you know about them.

6. Committee Reports

Item not addressed

7. Discussion Available Land

Item not addressed.

8. Closed Session (if needed)

Item not addressed.

9. Goals

Item not addressed.

10. Website

Item not addressed.

11. Report from Win

Item not addressed.

12. Report from City

Item not addressed.

13. Report from Todd Brightwell

Todd met with Mortenson Development; they have a lot of interest in the Payson area. They do over 600 million in development nationally and are doubling down in Utah. Would like to get the connection made with the Mayor and Brian.

14. Other

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 am