

Economic Development Committee Meeting
February 3, 2009

In Attendance: Councilperson Hardman, City Administrator Bruce Harrill, Councilman Conley, Councilman France, Councilperson Stanford, Marge Scott, Reporter Darrell Marino, and Reporter Steve Smith

Call to Order: Councilperson Hardman stated that there would not be a meeting tonight but just announcements for those gathered and the media.

Announcements: Councilperson Hardman announced that the Roubidoux Historic Transportation and Pedestrian Enhancement Grant Project are proceeding. The Elgin Engineering firm and MODOT was concerned about placing the lighting on the bridge because of how deep the supports for the light posts would be drilled. The bridge was built in 1923 and the concrete may have extensive metal rebar which would hamper deep drilling for the light post. Another city has a similar project and they had to do extensive repair to the pillars when they drilled into them for the supports for the light poles. Also the cost was prohibitive to the project.

The Committee came up with an alternative lighting plan that would place light poles at both ends of the bridge to match the lighting around the square. People who have donated money for the lights will have their names memorialized on the vintage lighting.

Plans have also been made to use the funds for the Superior Road improvements to refurbish the bridge by sandblasting, fixing the sidewalks and curbs.

Luge Hardman announced that she, Bruce Harrill and Cliff Hammock had lunch with the Ozark Technical Community College (OTC) staff and they explained that the students enrolled for this semester is 136 with 40 classes. The school plans to increase the classes to 60 by fall 2009. The OTC program in Waynesville is very successful and is exceeding the expectations of the OTC staff.

Gary Young, the director of Student Government Association (SGA) from Waynesville High School is looking for volunteers to house visiting SGA students on March 12 and 13, 2009 for a conference. Anyone who is interested can call Mr. Young at the High School.

Next meeting will be held March 3, 2009 at 5:00 pm at Waynesville City Hall.