

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 10, 2011

In Attendance: Councilperson Hardman, Councilman O'Riley, Councilperson Cordry City Administrator Harrill, Building Official McDonald, Executive Assistant Sandy Willis, member of the media

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Hardman.

1. ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THE YEAR: Chairperson Hardman reminded the committee that the City had completed 4 of the 5 goals set last year.

a. Commercial Development – The committee all agreed to continue to look for ways to support Commercial Development. Chairperson Hardman suggests that the committee develop a type of marketing letter.

b. Planning the Laughlin Parking Lot – Chairperson Hardman informed the committee of the City's contract for the purchase of the land (parking area) behind the old Lyon Drug building. Chairperson Hardman hopes to budget paving and striping of this parking lot in the next budget year.

c. Vacant buildings – Chairperson Hardman inquired of the idea of a higher property tax on vacant buildings. Councilperson Cordry responded that the City can't raise taxes but that this issue may be better addressed from the Downtown Business Association.

2. UPDATE ON ROUBIDOUX BRIDGE AND SAFE ROUTES SIDEWALK PROJECTS: Mr. Harrill informed the committee that he has been in contact with Elgin Engineering and Jeff Meadows of Archer Engineering. The sidewalk project should be out to bid in approximately 45 days. We are still researching some issues on the bridge project.

3. UPDATE ON D.R.E.A.M. INITIATIVE: The D.R.E.A.M. had its official "Kick Off" meeting on June 6, 2011. Chairman Hardman stated that there was a good community turnout and is very glad that the City has the team.

4. RT 66 TREE REPLACEMENT: Chairperson Hardman announced that the stump grinder has been purchased. Councilman O'Riley is the contact person for the three year program to replace the Bradford Pear trees.

5. UPDATE ON THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT PROJECT: Mr. Harrill stated that the City would start on the parking when the building portion of this project is complete.

Chairperson Hardman made a motion, seconded by Councilman O'Riley, to adjourn for the purpose of an Executive Closed Session – Real Estate pursuant to Missouri Law Chapter 610.021.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Hardman at 5:50 pm
Next Meeting July 5, 2011