

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2023

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Rob Rice, Councilman Bill Farnham, Councilman Ed Conley (sit in for Councilman Davis)

City Staff: Michele Brown, John Doyle, Miriam Jones, Doug Potts

Guests: Jerry Brown

Absent: Councilman Cecil Davis

- 1. Call to Order and Citizen Comments**– Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Chairman Rice amended the agenda to include a closed session per RSMo 610.021 for Real Estate.
Citizen Jerry Brown inquired about the parking area that would include E-V charging stations by Dollar General and asked if this was an agreement the City had with Dollar General. John Doyle stated it is not related to Dollar General, they have no interest in E-V charging stations. This was just an idea that was proposed from the city to have E-V Charging Stations in the new parking lot that will be owned and maintained by the city. The parking lot would be separated from Dollar General by a fence.
- 2. Approval of minutes**- Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 7, 2023. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3. Business Spotlight**- April Business Spotlight is Eclectic Originals.
- 4. Small Business Enhancement Program**-. Doug Potts received completed applications from Drachenfutter, Lost in the Woods Antiques, Home Grown Country Kitchen and Just Because. Mr. Potts recommends granting \$5,000 to each business which would be the rest of the funding available for this program. Councilman Farnham made motion to approve all four businesses to receive \$5,000 each. Councilman Conley seconded the motion. Motion Passes.
- 5. Small Business Renovation/Demolition Grant**- Doug Potts provided the application for the SBRD Grant. This grant is for commercial use. Total funding in the program is \$50,000. Grant award minimum request \$5,000 and maximum is \$15,000.
- 6. Joe Kastrinakis- Community Development Block Grant**- Mr. Doyle met with Mr. Kastrinakis last week. Mr. Kastrinakis is very passionate about finding and purchasing run down properties and flip into livable homes. He was interested in steps city has taken. Mr. Doyle stated Mr. Kastrinakis's vision and direction are the same as the city but the process for him and the City are different. City works through abatement process which takes time. After speaking he understands cities restraints in being able to help him. Mr. Doyle let him know about the Community Development Block grant however there are some complexities to it such as requirements of landowner to keep property to certain standards after funding and deed restrictions.
- 7. Special Events**-
 - i. 100th Anniversary Roubidoux Bridge- April 1, 2023
 - ii. Kids to Park Day- June 3, 2023

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Farnham made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Conley seconded that motion. Committee entered closed session at 5:27 p.m. Councilman Farnham made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Conley seconded that motion. Committee returned to open session at 6:09 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on May 1, 2023 at 5 p.m.