

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

12:00 PM



Business & Community Development

Frank Christopherson, committee member for the EDA and Planning Commission, shared the following highlights:

- » The city has appointed Matt Van Steenwyk to serve as the Interim City Administrator.
- » The Planning Commission met on November 20th and recommended a conditional use permit for a small used car dealership on Main Street at the former JB Rental property.
- » Planning Commission has also been reviewing each chapter of the comprehensive plan this past year. They are currently reviewing the outdoor signage guidelines.
- » City staff has connected with the Urban Land Institute and will be coordinating a workshop in February that will address planning issues for the city – housing, parks, trails and economic development.
- » A Braham business is interested in expanding to a site in Pine City, but the location that they are looking at using will require a zoning change request. That is likely to be on the December agenda for Planning Commission.
- » At the November EDA Meeting the group was updated that Hilltop Cottages project south of town was recently approved for the tax credit for the project.
- » Another project north of town near FLHS has a developer interested in a new 70-90 unit senior living community.

Committee Reports

Holiday Madness

- » Overall participation by the community was up this year in comparison to recent years.
- » Parade units were up this year, with possibly the greatest number of units involved in at least the last 10 years.
- » The wind was a factor this year. The group discussed the possibility of a discussion with the City of Pine City about possibly making clear tarps available for check-out by community groups that are renting the space. Would require that the city attach hardware for mounting of the tarp screens.
- » We also noted an issue with tripping the breakers for the electrical outlets inside the gazebo during the chili cook-off event. We asked participants to bring 2 roasters of chili this year because we ran out the year before.

Networking

- » Thursday, December 20th – happy hour event at Boondoggle Winery from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.
- » Looking at a lunch event in February to share information about the PIPELINE program.
- » Suggestion for a Chamber Benefits session... WHO is the Chamber and WHY we do what we do.

Beer & Wine Tasting

- » The committee members met to discuss date options. First choice for the event date is Friday, February 22nd. The location for the event is still pending.

Chamber Member Updates

- » Toys for Tots application deadline is this Friday, December 7th. Distribution date is set for December 15th.
- » PTCC has announced a new EMT program starting in January 2019.

Motion to adjourn by Miron at 1:02 PM, second by Blaufuss. Motion carried.