

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING-TIF

August 7th, 2013

Time: 6:30pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Ken Dornich, Rick Fayette, Shannon McLeod, Darrell Poling, Vietta McKenzie, David Weigel, and Chris Stephen

First order of business was to approve the minutes from the May 29th and July 3rd meetings.

Darrell Poling made a motion to approve the minutes as printed for May 26th, and it was seconded by Vietta McKenzie. All ayes motion carried and so ordered.

Shannon McLeod made a motion to approve the minutes as printed for the July 3rd meeting, and was seconded by Vietta McKenzie. All ayes motion carried and so ordered. Rick Fayette, and Darrell Poling abstained due to absence.

Darrell Poling made a motion to close the regular meeting at this point to open the public meeting to discuss Resolution 2013-1. Rick Fayette seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried and so ordered.

The public meeting was opened and the public was asked to address any concerns they might have with the Resolution 2013-1. Jean Johannigman asked the board to explain just what the Resolution entailed. Ken Dornich told the public of the plan to place a new road for development in the expanded TIF area, on the west end of the city that would be called Veterans Way. He explained the phases of the project in brief detail and added that the Resolution is public record at this time, and copies could be obtained by the public. Again he asked for any comments or questions from the public.

Donna Stephens a citizen of the city voiced her concerns about the project. She addressed her disapproval of the small ad placed in the paper publicizing the meeting. She also asked about how we came up with the name of Veterans Way. She wanted to know how property owners were going to be impacted. The board assured her that all property owners were to be treated fairly. She voiced concerns about eminent domain. The board could not make promises that eminent domain wouldn't happen, but felt comfortable in stating that they didn't think it would be an issue. She wanted to know if we had commitments from businesses to build there. She wanted to know how many people are going to travel the road. She wanted us to explain the actual road layout. The board could not tell her the layout because the design of the project has not been started yet. She wanted to know if there would be a cul-de-sac in the plan. The board stated no. She also stated that 9 million dollars for a road a mile long was a very expensive mile. Gary Murray the city engineer informed her that it would not just be for the road but also curbs, and drainage and such.

Beverly Hahn a home owner out in the expanded TIF area voiced her concerns. She stated "We don't know what is going on".

At this point Chris Stephen city attorney explained to the public just where we are in the process. Resolution 2013-1 is basically the approval of a project list. The TIF has had a project list since the beginning of the TIF. That project list was completed, and a new one had to be made according to State guidelines. He assured the property owners that they would be well informed when a design was complete and the project was granted approval.

Diane Hermesch also a concerned property owner in the area asked that she also be informed about what was going on. The board stated that the meeting for TIF is held on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in City Hall. They are all open to the public. If a meeting was cancelled or moved, it would be advertised in the paper.

Mayor Gary Herbert who is also a resident on Carver Street addressed the board and public. He stated that this has been a plan for several years now, and that they have been working with some property owners but not all property owners had been contacted because nothing has really been designed yet. The Mayor assured the public that his door was open if they had any concerns or questions. He would accommodate them the best he could.

Jeff Whitaker property owner in the TIF area stepped forward to say thank you to the TIF and City of Greensburg for going forward and putting this project on the list. Mr. Whitaker has developed much of the property out in the area and is very pleased to see businesses out there, and feels like with the road it would be an asset to the city and create more revenue and services to the city. He also stated his intent to donate his portion of property for the project.

With no further questions or comments the meeting was closed with a motion by Vietta McKenzie, and seconded by Darrell Poling. All ayes motion carried and so ordered.

The board then had a special meeting for discussion where no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

The regular scheduled meeting re-convened

Bridget Weber was on hand at the meeting to explain the report that is issued each month since we had a new board member. She asked that if the board had any questions or concerns to please let her know, She also stated that some new software is being used and they are still learning about it.

CLAIMS: Stephen Legal Group- \$487.50
HJ Umbaugh-\$2,025.00
Vietta McKenzie- \$50.00

Motion to approve the claims was made by Rick Fayette, and seconded by Shannon McLeod to approve the claims. All ayes motion carried, and so ordered.

With the public meeting completed per state guidelines the Resolution 2013-1 was up for approval. Rick Fayette made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-1 and a second was made by Darrell Poling. All ayes, motion carried and so ordered.

Gary Murray city engineer told the board that the bids from engineering firms for design were due on Friday, August 9th by 4pm. Ken Dornich and Shannon McLeod will join Gary in going through the bids to come up with a short list.

Ken informed the board that he signed the Notification of tax allocation form that is required by the state.

Mayor Herbert informed the board that a new Tax Authority member needed to be appointed due to the passing of Mr. Art Sheffer. Mr. Drew Young will assume that position.

With nothing further on the agenda Darrell Poling made a motion to adjourn, and Rick Fayette seconded the motion. All ayes motion carried.

Next meeting will be August 28th at 6:30pm in City Hall.

Presiding Officer _____

Secretary _____