

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 7, 2020
City Hall Conference Room**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the meeting to start at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tony Sax and Donna Mae Schlueter.

Absent: Ken McQuiston, Connie Kappert, and Charles Jefferson.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Brad Myers, Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Executive Assistant Sue Hertel.

There was no quorum of commission members.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 21, 2019 Economic Development Commission meeting were presented. No action due to no quorum.

BOARD BUSINESS

No Board Business since no quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Following is discussion between commission members and staff present:

Tony Sax asked if a group text can be sent as notification for upcoming EDC meeting. City Manager said yes, we can do that.

Donna Mae Schlueter, Tony Sax, and the Mayor discussed Keith Cook becoming a member of the EDC commission; it was stated that Keith Cook was checking to ensure there is no conflict of interest.

Mayor brought up Article V, Economic Development Commission of the City Code to be revised. One revision would be to revise, Sec 4-5-5, "The mayor shall select one of its members to act as chairman." Mayor stated that he thinks the group should select their own chairperson. Other revisions discussed included:

1. Change Economic Development Coordinator to Assistant City Manager.
2. Board members cannot miss 3 consecutive meetings; if they do, they will be removed as a board member. The Planning Commission has this rule in place.

3. Members eligibility to change to either being a resident of Mascoutah or have business interest in Mascoutah.
4. Changing the commission from five members to seven.

Mayor officially appointed Donna Mae Schlueter to be the new chairperson for the commission.

Donna Mae Schlueter asked what is currently in the EDC budget. City Manager stated there is about \$5K. City Manager also stated he would check the amount in the budget and adjust it if he can; that way they can use the funds to send commission members to conferences.

Tony Sax and Donna Mae Schlueter asked about any new information about the YMCA. City Manager stated that they are still at the ground level of this project. Tony Sax commented on how the YMCA may not be utilized by residents of Mascoutah due to price or already having membership somewhere else and that it may drive away business from New Energy Fitness. City Manager stated that is why a feasibility study needs to be conducted; however that will cost \$15K for the study.

Donna Mae Schlueter asked about East West Gateway. City Manager stated they just had a windshield tour looking at ways to revitalize the downtown area of Mascoutah to bring more people to the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor ended the meeting **at 6:52 p.m.**

Kari D. Speir, Assistant City Manager