

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 27, 2022

WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	
Jim Argerbright	X		Nathan Bilger	Scott Wagner
Chad Banks	X		Brent Bockelman	Tamela Tincher
Frank Kessler	X (Elect)		Cami Hippenhammer	Dale Buuck
Michael Schrader	X		Tiffany Deakins	
Kim Wheeler	X		LEGAL COUNSEL	
Jill Western	X		Andy Boxberger	
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE			GUESTS ON-LINE/PHONE	
Chip Hill				
George Schrupf				

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Argerbright called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Argerbright read roll call. All members present and absent are listed above.

BUSCHE PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Buuck gave an update on the project. He stated that Chip Hill was in attendance to give and update on the City's part of the project. Mr. Hill stated that the city was willing to pay for the engineering cost of the project. Discussion was made regarding the sewer that was to the west of the property. Mr. Hill stated that sewer was at capacity and not a feasible option for the new property location. Mr. Argerbright discussed the project cost and possible grant applications that might apply along with funds from the RDC and Columbia City. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to move forward with the engineering with the City of Columbia City for the project. Mr. Schrader seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RAIL CONNECT PROPERTY UPDATE

Mr. Boxberger discussed the property and the signed purchase agreement. He stated that with the appraisals being done, Walker & Associates would be working on the Survey. Next step would be to publish a public notice of sale. In this situation, it would not be required to accept the highest bid. Mr. Banks made a motion to proceed with the public notice of sale. Seconded by Mr. Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously 5-0 by roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mr. Banks made a request from the Commissioners for funds to assist with the Whitley County Jail project. He described that the new Sheriff Department and detention facility project would support the TIF area with office space for officers that serve in the TIF area, and a portion of the facility would include a rehabilitation area to help people return to the workforce. He stated that, similar to the school system, the RDC could help the County. He stated that the request would be for 4 million

dollars. Mr. Argerbright Stated that the funds would be for specific projects and claims would be sent to the RDC for approval. Mr. Boxberger stated that the next steps would be to introduce a change to the Economic Development Plan, then approval and vote to support the dollar amount. Mr. Argerbright discussed the RDC account balance and expenses of projects already in place. Mr. Kessler stated that the Commission needs to look at the future expenses closely before a decision would be made. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to make the necessary amendments to the Economic Development Plan. Seconded by Mr. Schrader. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with all members voting in favor.

Mr. Bilger discussed the further expansion at the Impact CNC property.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented for review. The claims consisted of:

VFP Fire Systems	\$8235.36	<i>Impact C</i>
Star Wealth Management	\$2500.00	<i>Sotera Bond</i>
Payroll Voucher	\$400.00	<i>Mr. Schrader & Mr. Kessler</i>

Mr. Boxberger suggested an added condition of receiving a copy of the agreement with Star Wealth Management before payment be made.

Mr. Banks made a motion to approve the claims with the condition of receiving confirmation from Star Wealth Management. Mr. Wheeler seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0 by roll call vote.

MINUTES

Discussion was made about approving the minutes for the previous meeting. Mr. Schrader made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022 as presented. Mr. Banks seconded. Ms. Western stated grammar errors Minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0 by roll call vote with Mr. Argerbright abstaining due to his absence at the previous meeting.

With there being no further business, Mr. Argerbright declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

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ATTEST:

James Argerbright, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary