

**REGULAR MEETING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
CITY OF OAKDALE  
March 3, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission of the City of Oakdale was held virtually on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the Oakdale City Hall, Oakdale, Minnesota. Chair Landis called the meeting to order at 5:15p.m. The opportunity was provided for the EDC, staff and the public to participate by telephone in response to the City of Oakdale's Local Emergency Response to COVID-19. As such, all motions were done by roll call.

**CALL OF ROLL**

On a call of roll, the following were present via Zoom meeting.

Chairperson: Mark Landis

Commissioners: David Lewis  
Robert Stiglich  
Dave Halper  
Holly Koep

Absent: Bill Burns  
Stacie Penn  
Scott Oechsner  
Gary Livingston  
Frank Orsello

Also Present: Linnea Graffunder-Bartels, Senior Community Development Specialist  
Bob Streetar, Community Development Director  
Colleen Swedberg, City Council Liaison

Quorum Present: YES  NO

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HALPER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KOEP, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021.**

**Ayes 5 Abstain 0**  
**Nays 0 Motion Carried**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Council Liaison Update**

Councilmember Swedberg reported on the following:

- Food Truck Vendors and Car Dealership licenses have been reduced by half.
- Council implemented a \$1000 forgivable loan for businesses affected by COVID. Qualifications apply.

Commissioner Lewis asked how the information regarding this loan program is being distributed. Councilmember Swedberg responded it is on the city website and social media. Ms. Graffunder-Bartels mentioned that a direct email was sent to businesses also.

### **Economic Development State of the City**

Presentation given by Ms. Graffunder-Bartels and Mr. Streetar regarding Economic Development in Oakdale for 2021. Presentation included business updates and expansions, Willowbrook Development, BRT, HOM Furniture, 4Front Technology Campus, Priority Courier, School District renovations, Iglesia Rios de Agua Viva Church, Regan property, Oakdale Station and Marketplace, Oakdale water treatment facility, Glenbrook, Tanner's Lake Redevelopment.

In response to Commissioner Halper's questions regarding how many units Peaceful Lodge has after the addition, Ms. Graffunder-Bartels replied 90 units.

In response to Chair Landis' question regarding walking trails along Ideal, Mr. Streetar replied, yes, and there will be more details provided to EDC in coming weeks as council approves the final plat.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' question regarding affordability, Mr. Streetar responded the first phase of development does not include affordable housing.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' question regarding contracts with new building projects, Mr. Streetar replied that council has not discussed using union labor for these projects at this time.

In response to Commissioner Halper's question asking if money from the 3M settlement will be used for water treatment facility, Mr. Streetar does not believe any money is being used for construction of the facility. Councilmember Swedberg stated that 3M donated the land to Oakdale.

Chair Landis complimented Ms. Graffunder-Bartels and Mr. Streetar for their work on these future projects.

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### **COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Commissioner Koep mentioned the next OACC meeting will feature Jake Sedlacek, Manager of Community Relations for Xcel Energy. He will speak on the benefits they can have on home and business. April 1<sup>st</sup> the OACC is planning a meeting at Oak Marsh with a talented profit and business coach who will speak on profitability and Covid. Attendance is limited to 36 people.

Ms. Graffunder-Bartels commented on the \$1000 forgivable loan program. It has been added to the Covid-19 Recovery Business Loan Program. Previously, businesses could apply for up to \$10,000, interest free, deferred loan. In addition to that loan, council approved a small forgivable loan for businesses that were closed to due to the Governor's orders. Businesses may apply for up to \$1000 to be forgiven is business is still operational in three years.

Mr. Streetar stated that at the end of 2021, he and Ms. Graffunder-Bartels would like to engage the EDC in more strategic planning. This would involve developing a plan regarding the economic development priorities for Oakdale.

Ms. Graffunder-Bartels announced interviews are currently taking place for vacancies on the EDC. Updated rosters were distributed.

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-5:30pm, EDC will meet with City Council at the Discovery Center for the annual joint meeting.

### **NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**

The next Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021 at 5:15pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HALPER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STIGLICH TO ADJOURN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2021 AT 6:06 PM.**

<b>Ayes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Nays</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Motion Carried</b>	

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Buhl, Recording Secretary