

Baraboo Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019

I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Chair John Alt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, room 205, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

II. Roll Call

Present: Alt, Bowers, Ayar, Johnson, Mueller, Palm, Reppen, Ryan, Taylor, Walczak, Wastlund, White
Absent: Caflich,
Other: Ed Geick, Patrick Cannon

III. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Taylor and seconded by Bowers.

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for September 5, 2019 presented by Johnson and seconded by Taylor.

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Old Business

a. Updates on Development Activities, Plan Commission and from Commission Members:

- Mr. Geick reported on the apartment development at 325 Lynn St. and the FY20 Budget preparations.
- Ms. Mueller reported on the Jack Young Middle School renovations. Groundbreaking is expected in mid-March.
- Mr. White that the SCDC is scheduling their Fall Forum for November 7, 2019. The Nov 7 meeting of BEDC is cancelled in order to avoid a conflict.
- Mayor Palm updated on the appointment of new City Administrator Kennie Downing, the Pierce Park donation and the Library addition project.
- Mr. Taylor said that banks headquartered in cities are a big community asset.
- Ms. Ryan updated the committee on their plans for solar panels at their facility.
- Mr. Bowers talked about the new Kwik Trip and there is no update on the old Kwik Trip site. Gander Outdoors has closed.
- Ms. Wastlund updated the committee on CDA's review of housing programs.
- Mr. Johnson expressed concern for how the wet weather was hampering crops.
- Mr. Reppen said that business is good and the County budget process was moving forward.
- Ms. Walczak said she has completed the hospital's budget process. There is a new orthopedic surgeon on staff now too.

VII. New Business

a. Establishing 2020 Goals

Chairman Alt talked about the need to establish 2020 Goals for the Commission. The current Goals will be sent out to commissioners. Mr. Taylor asked for recommendations from the City.

VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule

Mr. Bowers indicated that he will be looking to hold a meeting at the Clarion Hotel to see their renovations.

VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments

Mr. Bowers indicated the Chamber was working on the new branding and signage to go along with it in Baraboo and West Baraboo.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:05 pm by Johnson and seconded by Mueller.

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

John Alt
Chairperson

Ed Geick
Recorder