

**HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021
12:00 PM**

Call to Order:

The December 1, 2021, meeting of the Industrial Development Commission was called to order at 12:02 PM by Chairman Jim Meridith.

Roll Call:

Members present: Chairman Jim Meridith, Vice-Chairman Diane Korte-Lindsey, Marshall Rinderer and Josh Kloss.

Members absent: Treasurer Jon Greve

Also present: Mayor Kevin B. Hemann, City Manager Chris Conrad, Economic Development Coordinator Mallord Hubbard, Director of Chamber of Commerce Hillarie Holzinger, SIUE Intern Gretchen Arnold and Recording Secretary Megan Von Hatten.

Approval of Minutes:

Diane Korte - Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021, Regular Session meeting of the Industrial Development Commission; seconded by Marshal Rinderer. All members voted aye; none voted no; the motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Jon Greve

No Treasurer's Report

Update on job inquiries – Mallord Hubbard

- Public Safety Building – The Police Department has moved into the new Public Safety facility. Fire and EMS are still on hold until the fire apparatus door comes in. Police have started operations as of yesterday November 31, 2021. Dispatch is being ran out of Edwardsville Police Department for the time being.
- Matter Drive improvements - Joe Gillespie received good news on the Matter Drive improvements the city is doing as part of the Trouw Project. We will not be needing to have a Preliminary site investigation done, this allows for the letting to proceed in April of 2022. Mallord stated if the other study had been required, it would have taken an additional 6 months. Mallord thanked Mayor Hemann for submitting a letter to expedite the process.
- Schlafly hosted the Rotary Club last night. Schlafly is hopeful to have a firm opening date soon. Mallord reported as a result of the Schlafly project, we are seeing very positive signs of more investment coming to the square. Anticipate a great year for development in 2022.

- Tut Truck Stop - Tonight, December 1, 2021 the Tut project is being considered by the Combined Planning & Zoning Board. Mallord thanked the members who were able to submit a letter of support. He also thanked them for the many discussions members have had over the last several weeks with citizens regarding the project.

Update on Highland Communication Services – Mallord Hubbard

Mallord reported on Director Imming's behalf stating the VTV transition is finishing up. They still have 120 customers left to convert by the December 15, 2021 deadline. Mallord stated that Director Imming is confident the deadline will be met.

Update on COVID-19 Disaster Initiatives – Mallord Hubbard

Mallord reported the City is still in the process of applying for funding through the Rebuild Illinois Grant for Phase 2 of the Broadway Streetscape.

New Business:

Approval of 2022 meeting dates for Industrial Development Commission:

Marshall Rinderer made a motion to approve the 2022 meeting dates for the Industrial Development; seconded by Josh Kloss. All members voted aye; none voted no. The motion carried.

Approval of \$500 Payment to Highland Music School:

Mallord reported the Highland Music School has completed the requirement for the e-Commerce Grant. Mallord stated that customers can now sign their kids up for music classes on the website. He also added for the record, a total of 5 grants have been awarded, with another 4 in progress.

Josh Kloss made a motion to approve the \$500 payment for the e-Commerce Grant; seconded by Diane Korte-Lindsey. All members voted aye; none voted no, Marshall Rinderer abstained. The motion carried.

Final Selection of IDC Logo:

The members discussed the designs in depth. Members all came to a conclusion on design number 4 from the hand out provided. They have requested one minor change and all members agreed to approve the design at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Industrial Development Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Adjournment

Marshall Rinderer made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Josh Kloss. All members voted aye; none voted no. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM.