

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2023

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Rob Rice, Councilman Bill Farnham

City Staff: Miriam Jones, Doug Potts

Guests: Jerry Brown, Mark Sharadin

Absent: Councilman Cecil Davis

- **Call to Order-** Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

- **Citizen Comments-**
 - Mark Sharadin with the Downtown Service Station stated, on September 14 whoever was running the Hogs and Frogs Facebook page posted that they had a new vendor that was running a motorcycle dino; at that point Mr. Sharadin stated he put together a email back to them because he knows who owns the dino, he is a Pulaski County registered sex offender and sent that info to whoever was on the other end. Mr. Sharadin then stated the city apparently disregarded that because he still showed up and had his trailer and did his dino stuff. John Doyle asked if Mr. Sharadin had a picture or verification that the guy showed up. Mr. Sharadin stated that he was standing in front of him while he was running his motorcycle. John Doyle said the city did consider Mr. Shardin's comments and addressed this on several levels and it is our understanding that he has not broken any law in the state of Missouri by operating a business within the state. Mark Sharadin stated he agreed with that. John Doyle stated there was a pretty serious review by legal on this particular situation and discrimination based upon no laws being broken he was allowed to operate a business within the state. Mr. Sharadin stated okay and that he was good with that.
 - Keith Pritchard stated he thought Hogs and Frogs was a big improvement this year and wanted to know what Pulaski County should be doing to capture the 100th anniversary of Route 66 in 2026. Mr. Pritchard stated he would be willing to jump into a committee to help grow this the best we can.

- **Approval of minutes-** Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 11, 2023. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Business Spotlight-** October Business Spotlight- Odyssey Scuba

- **ARPA SBEP/SBRD Success Stories-** Doug Potts provided a testimonial from Linda Fritchey with A Place For Grace expressing appreciation for the assistance through the Small Business Renovation Grant Program. Demolition of the two buildings on their property has been completed and business and community look much nicer. In addition, they now have a much needed expansion of parking facilities. None of this would have been possible without the assistance of the grant program.

- ***EV Charging Station Grant-*** Doug Potts stated there is no update as of now on approval or denial.
- ***CID Boundary Expansion-*** Doug Potts stated due to upcoming projects there may be a need to expand boundaries.
- ***Dollar General Mural-*** Doug Potts stated that another artist has been contacted by DG. The other artist was too costly. Possibly going with spelling out of Waynesville and putting images in each letter with roadway behind that meets at the Route 66 shield.
- ***2023 Hogs & Frogs Debriefing-*** Doug Potts stated that Hogs and Frogs was a much better event this year. Received feedback from vendors which had nothing but good things to say.
- ***Special Events***
 - Homecoming Parade- October 6th- 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Fall Fest- Roubidoux Park- October 7th
 - Oktoberfest- Downtown Square- October 14th
 - Pumpkinfest- October 28th
 - Veterans Day Parade- Saint Robert- November 11th
 - Christmas Parade- Waynesville- December 5th
 - Christmas on the Square- December 7th

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Farnham made a motion to enter into closed session. Chairman Rice seconded that motion. Committee entered closed session at 5:25 p.m. Committee returned to open session at 6:00 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on November 6, 2023, at 5 p.m.