

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE  
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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The Economic Development Advisory Committee met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the City Hall Conference Room. Members present included: Marty Beezley, Brad Hodson, Charles Hosman, Shane Kannarr, Richard Oler, Mark Werner, Blake Benson, Bill Coleman, and Judy Westhoff. Others present included: Bob Scifers, Wendell Wilkinson, Rob O'Brien, Henry Menghini, John VanGorden, Mark Turnbull, and Tammy Nagel.

Chairman of the Board Charles Hosman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of Kannarr, seconded by Westhoff, the Economic Development Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - On motion of Werner, seconded by Coleman, the Economic Development Advisory Committee recessed into Executive Session not to exceed 30 minutes for discussion regarding the confidential affairs of a corporation. Motion carried.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee recessed into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee reconvened into Regular Session at 10:35 a.m.

Chairman of the Board Hosman announced that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - On motion of Kannarr, seconded by Westhoff, the Economic Development Advisory Committee recessed into Executive Session not to exceed 30 minutes for discussion regarding the confidential affairs of a corporation. Motion carried.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee recessed into Executive Session at 10:36 a.m.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee reconvened into Regular Session at 11:03 a.m.

Chairman of the Board Hosman announced that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

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PIDC – On motion of Werner, seconded by Coleman, the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommended the extension of the existing note in the amount of \$155,000 until January 31, 2011 under the same terms and the extension of the note in the amount of \$60,000 until January 31, 2011 under the same terms with all late charges to be waived. Motion carried with Richard Oler abstaining.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – On motion of Werner, seconded by Hodson, the Governing Body elected Shane Kannarr to serve as Chairperson of the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP – Rob O'Brien, President of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of the newly formed Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative. This new partnership will help support existing businesses and attract new businesses to the area. Richard Oler inquired what, as a community, can be done to take advantage of this partnership. Director of Economic Development Mark Turnbull stated that he is currently talking to local employers and building relationships that could benefit through this partnership. Chairman Kannarr inquired if the Southeast Kansas region would be involved, or only Pittsburg. Mark Turnbull explained that at this time, Pittsburg is the only city in Southeast Kansas participating at this time. Chairman Kannarr then inquired if the Polymer Research Center would be marketed through the partnership. Mr. O'Brien indicated that the Polymer Research Center and Kansas Technology Center will both be marketed through the partnership.

FAÇADE GRANT UPDATE – Judy Westhoff indicated that \$135,778 has been granted to façade grant applicants. Mrs. Westhoff stated that several applications have been distributed and not returned.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Mark Turnbull listed several items that will be included on upcoming agendas for this committee. These items include annual tax exemptions, tax exemption policies and Research and Development Park covenants.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

There being no further business for discussion, on motion of Coleman, seconded by Hodson, the Economic Development Advisory Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tammy Nagel, City Clerk