

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

January 16, 2020

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Mark Heistand, Jeff Fannin, Mike Kuhn and Tom Winning

ALSO, PRESENT: Heidi Grant, President and CEO First National Bank of Germantown, Judy Gilleland, City Manager, Pat Higgins, City Grant Writer

Call of Order:

Tom Winning called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

Organization:

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2020. After a brief discussion Tom Winning and Mike Kuhn were elected as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively.

Meeting Dates and Times for 2020

The monthly meeting will be held on the third Thursday at 9:00am at City Hall during 2020.

MINUTES:

The November meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Mike Kuhn and Second by Jeff Fannin.

Tom continued the meeting with a review of the following business:

Mission Statement

At the November meeting, the members reviewed a draft of a mission statement for the committee prepared by Judy. The committee members decided to review the draft and consider at the January meeting. Mark Heistand stated he liked the mission statement from Lebanon because of their statement supporting historic preservation. After considerable thought, the mission statement was changed to include the language "and preserving" after the word highlighting. A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Mike Kuhn to approve the mission statement as amended.

Tom Winning mentioned that now that the Economic Development Committee has a Mission Statement, the next step should be a group analysis of Germantown's strengths and weaknesses. After a discussion on the pros and cons of this program, the committee agreed to meet on February 13<sup>th</sup> for a 9am to 11am session to identify the strengths and weaknesses. After the session and agreement was reached on the strengths and weaknesses, an action plan would be developed and shared with the community.

Other Business:

Mark Heistand asked how the ODOT sponsored walk on Market Street turned out. Pat indicated she just received the report from the walk and will be reviewing today. Mike indicated that the walk was helpful in that they saw the trucks, buses, pole lights and more while walking for a good picture of the situation.

Jeff Fannin stated that he has read about the 16 ingredients required to have a successful city and he felt Germantown has the ingredients. One of the ingredients was having the schools in the city. Jeff felt strongly as a March levy approached, supporting the elementary schools where they are located is important.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10