

JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2019

Place of Meeting: Marion City Hall

Chairman Jason Schaber called the Meeting of the Committee for Jobs & Economic Development to Order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present -- Jason Schaber, Kevin Norris, Ayers Ratliff

MINUTES:

Mr. Norris made a motion to approved minutes of 01/28/2019 and 11/05/2018; Mr. Ratliff 2nd.
Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Norris, Nays -- none

Minutes of 01/28/2019 and 11/05/2019 approved (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FISHER EXCAVATING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 483-487 W. CENTER ST. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Evelyn Warr-Cummings, Regional Planning, explained that the owner is willing to consent to demolition. They are exploring options for a neighborhood group to do beautification. This project along with next one will exhaust demolition money. She has bid out some other projects that she may fall back on if money remains after the higher priority items are completed, including one that involves some clean up of rubble on N. Vine Street.

Mr. Norris made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Ratliff 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Norris, Nays -- none

LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (3-0)

Legislation recommended to council (3-0)

Item 2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FISHER EXCAVATING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE ROSE COTTAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Evelyn Warr-Cummings, Regional Planning, explained that asbestos has been removed and it has been inspected by the EPA. She is trying to preserve funds for the trail.

Mr. Ratliff made a motion to recommend to council; Mr. Norris 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes – Mr. Schaber, Mr. Norris, Nays -- none

LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (3-0)

Item 3. DISCUSSION ONLY: CDBG Project Selection Schedule

Evelyn Warr-Cummings, Regional Planning, called attention to the CDBG application and schedule for projects. March 11, 2019 is the public hearing. She has heard that there may be some changes to the downtown grant that may make it easier and they may want to pursue that. Ideas are due by 04/05/2019. They will come back to committee for presentations. Mid to late April, they will establish a tentative budget. Then they will set up a second public hearing by 05/13/2019. There will be about \$120,000 for up to three projects (after administrative costs taken out).

Mr. Ratliff pointed out that at one time they thought these grants may go away. He was glad that they have not. Ms. Warr-Cummings said that the 2019 funds are unknown at this time. Money for these grants has gone up about 10% under current administration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

With no further business to come before this Committee, Mr. Schaber adjourned the meeting at 7:12PM.

Chairman Schaber

Clerk of Council