



CHAMBER/MAIN STREET MINUTES  
April 12, 2017

Present: Amie Johansen, Gail Hackman, Brandy Burgin, Tanya Tysland, Allison Rose, Amy Christiansen, Kevin Baumler, Mike Johnson, Laura Weidemann, Sam-FCED, and Rick Trumm  
Absent: Bob Sadler, Patrick Ritter, Jason Knox, Nick McIntyre

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Vice President Mike Johnson.
2. Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Allison, to approve the Agenda amending to move 6a up to 2a and add 4a "Main Street Discussion". All Aye. Carried.
- 2a. Rick Trumm is here today to join our Board. Motion was made by Gail, seconded by Amie, to approve a 3-year term. All Aye. Carried. Gail then explained the terms of service.
3. Motion was made by Allison, seconded by Amy, to approve the Minutes from both March meetings. All Aye. Carried.
4. Finances – Kevin suggested running the Financials on a monthly basis from 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to the last day, just to keep clearer. Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Gail, to approve Financials as presented. All Aye. Carried. Amie advised the Hotel/Motel payment just came to the City, so the final payment for the City's portion will be paid on Friday.
- 4a. Discussed the shortages we still have, and "Tanya advised she has hit the pavement as hard as she can" for this. Mike asked if anyone would be willing to address to Council to see if they would help us in filling the gap. Currently the City contributes at about 11% where most cities are at 20-25%. Kevin offered to discuss with Mayor Kent Halverson at the bank and invite him & Council to come to a special meeting with the Board.
5. **Promo** – Working on 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities and Playin' on the Plaza Music  
**Design** – Nothing to report  
**Community Develop** – Tanya looked into a suggested business called 5 & Up, which basically locates in strip malls. A suggestion for a Plato's Closet was also mentioned, and she will check into that. Mason from Overhead Doors is working with Bob Sadler, and has also met with Petsche on Hwy 150 S lots  
**Organization** – Judy Heyer advised there is mold on the wall downstairs, and she would like another handrail put on the steps. Mike got a quote from Jaime Hackley of \$385 to fix the drywall. Motion to approve was made by Kevin, seconded by Tanya. All Aye. Carried.  
Patrick Ritter has decided to move out of Jerem White's law firm, and has asked about renting the office at the Chamber/Main Street building. After some discussion, Tanya made a motion to rent the office for \$150/month, Amy seconded. Gail – No; Rest – Aye. Ritter will also pay \$25 internet cost directly to FCED.  
With changing Brandy's hours to part time effective May 1, Mike asked Brandy to check into an answering service for the phone instead of Carrie and Sam having to answer it. Brandy will forward the quote to the Board once she receives.  
Mike recommended Brandy's new hours to be as follows:  
Monday – Closed  
Tues-Fri – 8:30am-4pm  
Only required to attend Board Meetings, Committees can bring things to her that you need help with.  
No Holidays, Sick, or Vacation  
Motion was made by Tanya, seconded by Amy, to approve and readdress next month if needed. All Aye. Carried.  
**Business Improve** – Bob discussed with Gail and would like her to get this committee started back up. Amie advised Tanya Rohwer called and would like to be on this committee also. She works at Palmer Home Health.
6. **President Report** – Mike just reiterated to keep "pushing the pavement" to get more financial support.  
Bob ordered flowers for Carolyn Havenstrite's Funeral, several people donated towards paying for them.  
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7. **Directors Report** – Brandy advised she has teamed with Shelly Kingsly and the City to coordinate the maintenance of the downtown flower beds. They have set up a meeting for the Public for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the West Union Library for anyone interested in adopting a bed. They will be placing signs in each bed with the name of who adopted the cleanup efforts for that bed. June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Block Party. Joni Spies is coordinating and Brandy is assisting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Amie, seconded by Amy. All Aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Next meeting: May 10, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at the Chamber/Main Street office.**

Total Volunteer Hours to be Logged: 13.75 Hours

Submitted by Amie Johansen

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