



CHAMBER/MAIN STREET MINUTES –August 14, 2018

Present: Amie Johansen, Chris DeBack, Cathy Harris, Bob Sadler, Mike Johnson, Sandy Klosterman, Nick McIntyre, Gail Hackman, Sam-FCED

Absent: Cam Granger, Jason Knox, Adam Keller

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00a.m. by President Bob Sadler.
2. Motion was made by Chris, seconded by Cathy, to approve the Agenda as presented. All Aye. Carried.
3. Motion was made by Cathy, seconded by Chris, to approve July minutes as written. All Aye. Carried.
4. Motion to table the financials for July due to Sandy's absence was made by Chris, seconded by Gail. All Aye. Carried.
5. Discussed number of Board Members in our Bylaws, which was changed to 11-15 at the time of merging Main Street, Chamber and Community Development Boards together. Bob would like to see that changed to 7-11 with the reorganization we have done. After some discussion, Cathy made a motion to change to 7-11 Board Members, Mike seconded. All Aye. Carried.
6. Discussed the Green Space/Pocket Park. Norm Einck is interested in having it on his lot on E. Elm Street. Chris, Amie, Nick, Jon Biederman, Sandy, and Jessica Wegner are working on a concept drawing.
7. Villont Building has been taken over by the City. The building is structurally sound, but needs a new roof(\$20-25,000). Nick plans to apply to Iowa DNR for the Derelict Building Grant for \$50,000 for May, 2019. The City would like to gift it to Main Street to rehab the rest of the building. Sandy will call to request Main Street's assistance on potential drawings and funding sources.
8. Volga Truck Cruise was an event discussed through Community Development. They are a really small town and are trying to break the Guinness Book of Records with the largest Truck Cruise this year and could use some volunteers. Amie spoke with Tom regarding how this could create economic development for West Union, and he offered to plan the route this way next year in exchange for our help this year. Bob and Jessica, Chris and Megan, Amie, and possibly Jason Knox and Sandy and Rich will go help. Time is from 7am-about 2pm.
9. Committee Reports-
Promo – Plaza going well; will set up next meeting for early September.
Design & Business Improvement –Still need to get Birdhouses out. He needs to get the list of businesses that asked for one and then set out. Discussed maybe working on Alley Art with local artists. This could get some community involvement and make a big impact.
Community Development – Should close on Mason's lot this week. Petsche ready to start moving dirt. Adam leading the planning for a Chili & BBQ Cookoff in conjunction with NFV Homecoming for Saturday, Oct. 6th.
Organization – (Cathy/Mike) Dueling Pianos Nov. 24th – 3 tables reserved. Tickets are ready to sell. Next meeting today.
10. President's Report – Bob advised he donated \$50 towards our Miss West Union's pie at the Fayette County Fair and hoped that was ok with everyone. Chris made a motion to approve reimbursing Bob, Amie seconded. All Aye. Carried.
 - a. Invoice from FCED – This is an invoice for the meeting setup by Sam at the NFV Library to bring Main Street, City, School, and FCED together. Amie asked why the City and Main Street are being asked to pay the full \$200 when Sam had asked for the meeting and said he had a grant to pay for it. Nick added the program was good and the City has paid \$75 towards the bill, but there has been no follow with the results. Sam advised he will follow up with Teresa who facilitated the meeting and send that out. After some discussion, Chris made a motion to pay \$75 towards the \$200 invoice, Cathy seconded. Mike-No; Rest Aye. Carried.
 - b. Board Commitment Forms – Need everyone to complete these and return to Sandy. She only has 3 so far. Chris brought up the bylaws which states a Board Member can only miss 3 meetings in a year. Bob will follow up with members that have missed more and see how they want to proceed.

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11. Neighborhood Home will have their Open House and Ribbon cutting at 11 am on 8/16. Would like to see as many people there as possible to show our support.

Chris made a motion to adjourn, Gail seconded. All Aye. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 am.

Next meeting: September 11, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at the Chamber/Main Street office.

Total Volunteer Hours to be Logged: 11.25 Hours Submitted by Amie Johansen

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