

Economic Development Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
5:30 p.m. – Parowan City Offices – 35 East 100 North

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jared Meibos (Chairman), Dan Jessen (City Manager), Matt Gale (Council Representative), David Harris, Todd Gale, Stacy Gale (Secretary)

STAFF PRESENT – Mollie Halterman (Mayor), Jeremy Franklin (Power Superintendent)

PUBLIC PRESENT – Michael Keil

MEMBERS ABSENT – Lori Eichelberger, Jason Green (Alternate)

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Jared Meibos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Todd Gale moved to approve the minutes from February 7, 2023. David Harris seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSS AND DEVISE PLANS OF MOVING FORWARD WITH LIGHTING THE SOCCER FIELD: Jared Meibos asked Jeremy Franklin, Parowan City's Power Superintendent, to come to the meeting to talk about prices for lighting at the soccer fields. Jeremy passed out price quotes from Parowan City, Marshall Evans, and Musco Sports Lighting for lighting both soccer fields (attached). Jeremy went through each quote and what they included. He explained the Parowan City quote of \$103,800 included the 3-phase transformer, high voltage wire and everything it takes to get power to the site. The Marshall Evans quote of \$61,945 included the conduit and pulling wire to the base of each pole. The Musco Sports Lighting quote of \$103,800 included the 6 poles with control boxes.

Matt Gale asked how much it is going to cost to run the lights, Jeremy said he hasn't figured what it will be exactly, but he thought around \$15/hour. There was a discussion about changing the lights to LED and how it would be a big upfront cost but save money over time. Jeremy said if we changed to LED upfront the wire size could be smaller, and the transformer could potentially be smaller because of a lot less wattage. If we went single phase, it could possibly save us \$15,000 on the transformer alone, and Marshall Evans cost could come down because the wire wouldn't need to be as big. It was discussed that with other expenses not included in the quotes like concrete and labor it could cost about \$30,000 more than each quote.

Dan said there was also talk about a partnership with Parowan High School; they could help with some of the O&M of the fields, and cover the cost of the lighting when they use it.

Dan talked about the TRCC and TRT grants.

Jared said the next step will be to get an updated quote from Aaron with Musco for just the soccer fields with LED lights.

Mollie handed out a spreadsheet of grants (attached) she created and talked about it. She also talked about the pickleball grants. She handed out a list of projects (attached) she wanted to the committee to prioritize them in order of importance.

Jared said since we already have money for the pickleball courts we should invest our time and energy into making that happen. Dan talked about where we are with the grants for them. He said the location of the courts is the next thing is to be determined. He said that noise is a concern so we want to inform the residents that are close to where we want to put them what we want to do and preempt their support. There was a discussion of different locations to put the courts; it was decided that the Lion's Park is the best location. The committee agreed they would like to be put on the next City Council work meeting agenda to recommend the Lion's Park for the location of the pickleball courts.

Jared Meibos moved that the Economic Development Committee request to be put on the April 13, 2023 City Council work meeting agenda to recommend to the City Council to pay the \$5,000 to update the engineering for the pickleball courts at the Lion's Park so this project can move forward. Todd Gale seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

HOW CAN WE HELP WITH RECREATION PROJECTS: Jared Meibos said he would like the committee to look at all the other projects we have and come up with a ranking of what project we want to work on next then set a timeline so that we will be prepared for when grants are available.

DISCUSS WAYS WE CAN HELP WITH BUILDING ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS: Jared Meibos asked if there was a project that Dan Jessen or Mollie Halterman could see we could help with. Dan talked about a grant the city applied for to improve the airport road for \$2.5 million and how it will benefit the airport and the city, and unlock the industrial manufacturing park. There was a discussion about roads and infrastructure.


DISCUSS, REVIEW AND GIVE ASSIGNMENTS ON ANY OTHER TOPICS: Mollie Halterman asked if the committee had any recommendations for new committee members. The committee had discussed adding Michael Kiel earlier in the meeting. Mollie said she thought about Rick Anderson, Dave Mineer, Danny Abbott, and Fred Kramer. She said she will ask Rick and Dave.

ADJOURNMENT – Jared Meibos moved to adjourn the meeting. Todd Gale seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

Minutes Approved at May 2, 2023 Meeting


Jared Meibos, Committee Chair


Stacy Gale, Secretary