Economic Development Meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2023 5:30 p.m. – Parowan City Offices – 35 East 100 North

MEMBERS PRESENT – David Harris, Todd Gale, Lori Eichelberger, Jason Green, Matt Gale (Council Representative), Dan Jessen (City Manager), Stacy Gale (Secretary).

STAFF PRESENT – Mollie Halterman (Mayor).

PUBLIC PRESENT – Ron Clayton, Larraine Clayton, John Dean, Merry Dean, Vickie Hicks, Greg Hicks, Julie White, Kim Skinner, Jennifer Chatfield.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Jared Meibos (Chairman), Mike Keil, Rick Anderson, Dave Mineer.

NOMINATE CHAIR PRO TEM – David Harris nominated Lori Eichelberger to be Chair Pro Tem. Todd Gale seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Lori Eichelberger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Todd Gale moved to approve the minutes from June 6, 2023. David Harris seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

DISCUSS SWIMMING POOL – Dan Jessen gave an update on the swimming pool. He said that the concession stand still needs to be worked on. Dan said we need to get a list of things we need for the shell from the Health Department so that the shell is up to a basic standard. We then need to do a Request for Proposals (RFP) and let businesses propose to us what they want to do in the concession stand and what equipment they will need. Dan said to spread the word. He suggested doing a survey at the pool to see what people would like to have at the concession stand. He said that volunteers and donations are still needed.

DISCUSS PICKLEBALL COURTS – Mollie Halterman gave an update on the pickleball TRCC Grant for \$200,000. Maria Twitchell with Iron County Tourism said we can roll the money over to next year and can apply again next year. There was a discussion about location, indoor or outdoor courts, and number of courts. If we decide on Valentine's Peak west of the soccer fields, we would have to build restrooms; if we decide on Lion's Park, we would just have to build the courts because there is already parking and restrooms there. Dan explained that in 2017 the city had engineering plans drawn up for a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and two pickleball courts at the Lions Park. The bathrooms and parking lot were part of that plan and they have been put in. Dan said we reached out to the engineering company for a price to update those plans to take away the sand volleyball courts and just have 4 pickleball courts and duplicate that on the south side of the building; the price they gave us was \$5,000. He said because of the feedback the city received about putting the pickleball courts at the Lion's Park, the city did not want to pay to have that done for that park unless it was going to happen there.

There was a discussion about vandalism if we put the pickleball courts by Valentine's Peak. Dan said that we are already dealing with that. He said the city has put in the budget to enhance the lighting in the parking lot, and put in cameras.

Lori said we need to firm up a location, either Lions Park or Valentine's Peak. The most costeffective place is Lions Park, but there have been a lot of objections. Valentine Peak has parking, but would need restrooms.

DISCUSS, REVIEW AND GIVE ASSIGNMENTS ON ANY OTHER TOPICS – Talk to people about the swimming pool and that volunteers are still needed.

ADJOURNMENT – Lori Eichelberger moved to adjourn the meeting. Todd Gale seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes Approved at September 5, 2023 Meeting

Lori Eichelberger, Committee Chair Pro Tem

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