

JASPER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting – February 2, 2016

The Jasper Redevelopment Commission met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

CALL TO ORDER

President John Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

President John Bell	present
Vice President John Schroeder	present
Secretary John Kahle	present
Member Andrew Seger	present
Member Rick Stradtner	present
Non-voting advisor Bernie Vogler	present
Renee Kabrick - Commission's Attorney	present
Kathy Pfister - Recording Secretary	present

Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm and Community Development and Planning Director Darla Blazey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Schroeder made a motion to approve the Commission's minutes as presented from the January 5, 2016 regular meeting. Andy Seger seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

APRIL 15TH TIF FILING

Umbaugh & Associates will be completing the annual reporting on the tax increment finance (TIF) district, which will include evaluating the assessed value of the TIF area.

Discussion followed in regards to a budget for the Redevelopment Commission. City Attorney Kabrick explained that the Redevelopment Commission has not had an appropriated budget like other departments in the City and with the funding needed to cover expenses associated with the River Centre and Downtown Square redevelopment projects, it was suggested that creating a budget for current and future projects would be an idea for the board to think about.

RIVER CENTRE

An update on the River Centre project was shared with the board. Attorney Kabrick said the City will be meeting this month with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to discuss the possible uses for the land the City owns in the Flood Plain between First, Second, Main and Jackson Streets north of the Patoka River. President Bell told the board that, although he

anticipated the developers would be further along in their planning, they have secured some potential tenants and are in negotiations with some larger tenants in the project to turn the former Jasper Cabinet building into a commercial and residential center.

DOWNTOWN SQUARE REVITALIZATION PROJECT

City Attorney Kabrick gave an update on the Downtown Square Revitalization project from Kevin Osburn, of Rundell Ernstberger Associates (REA). REA received the signed contract and notice to proceed from City on January 19, 2016. REA executed a subcontractor agreement with Cash Waggner & Associates and issued a notice to proceed for the preparation of the boundary and topographic survey. Cash Waggner has started the deed research and utility locates and will complete the survey within 60 days. Base plans are pending upon completion of the survey. REA will develop a preliminary base plan received from information from GIS, aerial photography and previous plans provide by the City. In regards to the website, REA will start its development and should have a draft for review in a couple of weeks. A kick off meeting with the committee and city officials will be scheduled the week of February 15 or February 22 to review the project scope, schedule and perimeters, review of the draft website and any other issues relevant to the initial stage of the design.

ADJOURNMENT

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Andy Seger and seconded by Secretary Kahle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

John Bell, President

Attest:

John Kahle, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Kathy Pfister