Waterloo Redevelopment Meeting March 30, 2022

A meeting of the Waterloo Redevelopment meeting was held March 30, 2022, at 5:05 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Depot.

Member's present were:

Sallie Pease / President

Ken Surber

Linda Higgins

Trina Caudil

Tim Haynes, DKC

Pam Howard / Town Manager

Courtney Sutton/Clerk Deputy

Andrew Kruse / Town Attorney

The following business was discussed, and action taken: Unless specified all votes were unanimous.

- 1. Minutes January minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Caudill (Higgins) passed.
- 2. **Fund Report** Haynes inquires about paying Reece Excavating for grass and seed. Howard confirmed. TIF and EDC fund reports reviewed. Haynes inquired about payroll asked if money goes into it. Discussion was held about insurance for Howard and what fund that comes out of. Howard explained eye, dental and health insurance to Caudill and where each one comes from.
- 3. Russ Goodman Interview Russ Goodman was interviewed for Redevelopment Commission. Goodman advised he works for the IRS, does small business audits, lives in Waterloo, and can see a future for the town. Goodman received his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana Tech in 2009 and is a U.S. Army Veteran. Goodman worked for twenty-seven (27) years in transportation as a driver, up to management. He also spent eight (8) years working in factories. Goodman stated him and his wife want to get involved in Waterloo. Goodman wants to be a part of the change of Waterloo. Pease asked if and why Goodman thinks he could help with the future of Waterloo. Goodman stated because of his organization skills and being on the board of Our Turn to Serve, a committee that gives back to Veterans. Howard asked what Goodman sees for Waterloo. Goodman stated to get residents involved. There are several buildings for small businesses that need cleaned up and that would be good for growth. Pease asked if the two interviewees need to be appointed, Howard stated they do. Pease asked if Goodman is a voting member of society. Goodman advised he is. Haynes asked Kruse if we're allowed to inquire about voting. Kruse stated it's a gray line and we shouldn't be asking. Pease explains Haynes roll in EDC. Howard stated Goodman would be a great fit with his background.
- 4. **Sabinia Keen Interview** Sabinia Keen was interviewed for Redevelopment Commission. Keen stated she owns a couple homes in Waterloo. Keen stated there is no reason Waterloo can't grow, the residents need to be a part. Keen advised she is on the

Girl Scout board and is stepping away. Keen is also the secretary for the Friends of the Depot. Pease excused Goodman and Keen.

Howard expressed Keen's excitement and wilfiness she would be a great voice for the Redevelopment Commission to get the community involved. Howard suggested to Surber to speak with Hobbs and explain to her the details of commission. Hobbs doesn't feel comfortable voting on board members without a full grasp of what the commission does. Kruse suggested voice vote, Haynes suggested a written motion to council, Kruse agreed. Pease asked Caudill and Higgins opinions; both agreed each candidate would be a good fit. Motion to recommend Goodman and Keen to council, Higgins (Caudill) passed.

- 5. **Baker Tilley** Pease explained we need Greg Balsamo from Baker Tilley to come to an Redevelopment meeting. Howard asked if April 27, 2022, was good, Pease stated yes. Motion to approve Caudill (Higgins) passed.
- 6. Main Street Board Member Pease made a motion to approve Caudill as a Liaison from Redevelopment to Main Street (Higgins 2nd) passed. Caudill shared Main Street minutes; two (2) people are interested in grant. Caudill explained Chet Gilbert and his wife, Tess Gilbert, own 200 N Wayne Street which will be three (3) apartments and a four or five (4-5) businesses downstairs. There are already tenants interested. Chet and his crew have already started the remodeling process. Chet will get with a local window company in Angola to get his windows redone. Haynes inquired if there would need to be more than one (1) grant. Howard explained if Chet is made aware and ok with it, the tenant can apply.

Other Business – Pease stated BFM needs a hoist to hold their hood to get it installed. Howard advised the next redevelopment meeting is April 27, 2022, at 5 p.m., and the Easter egg hunt will be Saturday April 3, 2022. Howard also explained the Small Business Seminar will be April 7, 2022, at the Depot. The fee for the seminar is \$25.00/person for the workbook and the town will provide a taco bar.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Sallie Pease, President

Renee Duszynski, Clerk- Treasure