

POLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The April 18, 2019 meeting of the Polo Economic Development Corporation was held at Polo City Hall. President Susie Corbitt opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Members present were Sydney Bartelt, Susie Corbitt, Mike Faivre, Josh Faivre, Mark Scholl and Jim Cole. Also, present was Mayor Doug Knapp.

Absent: Greg Cross, Betty Obendorf, Louise Hall, Andy Faivre and Tracey DeCrane.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Jim Cole made a motion to accept the March 21, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Susie Corbitt. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2019 TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Mike Faivre made a motion to accept the March 2019 treasurer's report as presented and the revolving fund account as presented, seconded by Mark Scholl. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Discussion on Affordable Housing.

None.

B. Discussion on Pharmacy.

Their inspection by the State of Illinois has been done this past Saturday. They now are waiting to have their inspection by the DEA and then will work on getting insurance contracts. The pharmacy has their signage up.

D. PEDC & Polo Chamber of Commerce Business Interviews and Report of Chamber of Commerce February Board Meeting.

The Chamber Sign has been transferred from City Hall to the Polo Chamber. The Chamber of Commerce are looking to change their breakfast with Santa and tree lighting to coincide with the new Christmas Walk. They are possibly looking to change the breakfast with Santa from the Senior Center to the Polo Fire Department. The Chamber of Commerce is looking into bringing back the gifts for the children to purchase for their family members. The Movies will be Lego Movie 2 (June 28th), Jurassic World (July 12), A dog's way home (July 26th), Finding Dory (August 16th). The Car Show is August 10th.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion on Swot Analyzes.

Everyone was advised to take their SWOT analyzes home to review. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

B. Discussion on The Hemp Summit.

The expectation was that there would be 100-150 people there. There was only 44 people. First State Bank Shannon Polo supplied the coffee and donuts. Lori Galor was disappointed that there was only 44 people. The Hemp Summit was geared towards the farmers. SBDC just hosted two other hemp summits over the last couple of months which could have been the reasoning for the low attendance.

C. Discussion on Jimbo's Smokehouse.

Two men approached Mayor Knapp requesting a liquor license so that they could open up a restaurant in Polo. They are requesting a Class A liquor license to sell beer and wine at their restaurant. They are planning on leasing the old pizza place next to Mason's Family Restaurant. The City Council's consensus was to allow another number to be added to the limitation of numbers for liquor licenses. The men are aware they must turn in a liquor license application and be fingerprinted before a license is issued.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DJ Sanders stopped in to Country Floral to talk to them about succession planning. Susie is going to talk with the Trotter's as well. SBDC does succession planning and would be able to help our businesses that need a succession plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

Josh Faivre made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, seconded by Jim Cole. The motion carried without dissent.

The next meeting of the PEDC will be held May 9, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Sydney Bartelt
Secretary/Treasurer