

## **POLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The August 15, 2019 meeting of the Polo Economic Development Corporation was held at Polo City Hall. President Susie Corbitt opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Members present were Susie Corbitt, Sydney Bartelt, Betty Obendorf, Andy Faivre, Greg Cross, and Mark Scholl. Also, present was Alderman Randy Schoon.

Absent: Louise Hall, Josh Faivre, Mike Faivre, Jim Cole, and Tracey DeCrane.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS:**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

Don Vock made a motion to accept the July 18, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Betty Obendorf. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

### **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2019 TREASURER'S REPORTS:**

Betty Obendorf made a motion to accept the July 2019 treasurer's report as presented and the revolving fund account as presented, seconded by Don Vock. Carried by voice vote without dissent.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Discussion on Affordable Housing.**

None.

#### **B. Discussion on Pharmacy.**

The pharmacy will hopefully open after Labor Day. They are currently working on insurance contracts.

#### **C. PEDC & Polo Chamber of Commerce Business Interviews and Report of Chamber of Commerce August Board Meeting.**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Discussion on Swot Analyzes.**

We will wait until Kate O'Connor can attend the meeting to discuss this.

#### **B. Discussion on Succession Planning.**

We will wait until Kate O'Connor can attend the meeting to discuss this.

#### **C. Discussion on City of Polo Marketing Strategies.**

One of our primary focuses should be to work on affordable housing. Greg knows Hal Mckiski who helped with the expansion of Pearl City about 15 years ago. Greg Cross will

follow up with Hal to see if he can attend a PEDC meeting. Don suggested to invite Mark Ebert and Jim Busser at that same meeting.

**D. Discussion on Dave's Coffee Cake Sales at Autumn On Parade.**

Sydney will email the volunteer schedule out to the board members.

**E. Discussion on Economic Development Boot Camp Put on By Com-Ed on August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Susie Corbitt and Don Vock attended the boot camp that was put on by Com-Ed at Nash earlier today. There were representatives from banks, the Rockford Development Corporation, Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone, BEST, DCEO, and Intersect- Illinois. BEST has grants to provide training for businesses. If a business needed a trained welder; BEST could provide a grant to offer in house training from a welder.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Don Vock made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm, seconded by Andy Faivre. The motion carried without dissent.

**The next meeting of the PEDC will be held September 19, 2019 at 7:00pm.**

Sydney Bartelt  
Secretary/Treasurer