ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HEPPNER CITY HALL, 111 N. MAIN STREET, HEPPNER, OR
JULY 24, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Corey Sweeney
Phil Sanfiorenzo
Ian Murray
Joe Armato
Chris Sykes
John Doherty

Absent: None

Members of the Public: None

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**.

   The July 24, 2024 meeting of the City of Heppner Economic Development Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Corey Sweeney.

2. **Communications from the public**

3. **Consent Agenda**

   A. June 26, 2024 minutes
      No corrections or changes.

4. **BUSINESS**

   A. Old Business

   1. Review of City property inventory, discussion, suggestions for future use.

      The Committee discussed the properties that the city owns and if they are buildable or not. Several are in the floodway. Other properties owned by the city could be sold but they are occupied by tenants. City Hall is larger than we need but we would have to find a place to relocate, possibly the lot on Chase and May. The old pool property is in the process of being transferred to Heppner Community Foundation for the mini golf project. Other properties cannot be sold as they are wells, reservoirs, city shops, utility easements etc.

      John is working with Morrow County Planning to get the zoning map updated. Some of the County maps do not match the City maps.

The Committee discussed some other properties in town that would be good locations for development. There are several that have vacant houses on them that should be torn down. John will try and get letters out to those property owners by the next meeting. Even if 5 houses became available in town it would make a difference. There are also empty lots in town that can be built on.

The Council will be discussing Ordinance revisions and short-term rentals at the work session this Friday.

2. Review of Core Focus Groups and discussion

    A. Childcare

       They are still looking for a spot. There is a potential location, but nothing is final.

  B. New Business

  1. Open Discussion

     The next meeting will be August 28th at 7:00 PM.

5. Adjournment at 7:58