

Economic Development and Tourism Committee

October 15, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Trustee Christy Bernius. In attendance included Trustees Matt Bernius, Isai Gutierrez, Kurt Hall, Lamar Miller, Christy Bernius and Mayor Rod Randall.

Also, in attendance included Stephanie Wierman, June Bissonett, George Fritz, Sue Falk, Ginger Denton, Anita Krutsinger, Jerry Winters, Charlie Oye, Casey Oye, Elvie Otto, Alvie Jess, Lyle Otto, Adam Fritz, Rose Gingerich, Randa Carson, Kenny Crossman, Karen Gingerich and Esa Miller.

New Business:

- Discussion on economic development ideas for downtown. Rod commented that in the last week, several things have progressed downtown. We need to know what we have available. Ginger and Sue suggested the information be put on a few local sites and a couple they could help with as well. They will help gather the available spaces around town and can be the first point of contact for interested parties.
- Some ideas of what might work downtown included a pizza place, coffee, baked goods/ pretzels.
- Rod suggested the idea of a business incubator. There are a couple larger spaces with availability around town including the medical building to the north and Dennis Planks building east of town. A "business center" for services was also a suggestion.
- Rod went over TIF grants for those that were new to the meeting.

General Discussion

- Rod talked about a few ideas for new lighting downtown. He is working on gathering information for the upcoming meeting. Most agreed that we needed poles to accommodate the banners and flower baskets. Matt suggested we look at a long-term design plan for downtown.
- Christy talked about the upcoming Christmas event and everything they are working on around that. It will be Arthur's Candy Cane wonderland. This will be for residents and businesses. Lots more details to come but wanted to get people excited and thinking about how they would like to participate. Everyone seemed excited about this event.
- Rod mentioned a giant pumpkin he saw and he has a few ideas for next meeting about that.
- June let the group know they have had some ask about the history of Arthur.
- Next meeting is October 22 at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

*Christy Bernius*