## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

City of Germantown June 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Winning, Mark Heistand, Heidi Grant and Mike Kuhn

ALSO PRESENT: Keith Brane, Planning Consultant, Will Parsons, Communications, Pat Higgins, Economic Development and City Grant Writer

The meeting was called to order by Tom Winning at 9:03am

## Approval of the Minutes

Mike made a motion to approve the April minutes, Mark seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.

## Review of Request for Proposal to hire Economic Development Consultant

Tom began the discussion regarding the Request for Proposal by indicating a plan for downtown has been needed for quite a while. Having a draft RFP to review moves the project along. Mark commented having a consultant will bring new ideas and thoughts. A consultant will help gain support because the person is from the outside.

The committee members offered numerous suggestions and thoughts regarding the draft:

Add information on the First National Bank of Germantown, the former City Hall, Camp Miami, the status of the elementary school building which might be vacated, and information regarding the Veterans Museum, Twin Creek and the historic bridge.

Other points discussed were: identify the many partnerships that exist and new partnerships that could be formed to promote activities downtown, identify groups that use the parks for events and discuss the City's interest in a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area).

Discussion concluded with Pat indicating they will revise the RFP and send out to the Committee before the next Economic Development Committee in July.

## Other Business

Saturday Night Out was held. Ladies Night Out will continue this summer.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04am