

- b. No projects have been applied for, may need to close TIF because of lack of interest.

Much discussion followed on how these TIFs are paid to school districts and how the TIFs are formed.

Economic Development Director's Report

- PACE (Draft Ordinance for financing included in agenda). This will be presented to the Community Committee and, if approved, will go to council for full approval.

Program will provide funding for HVAC, geothermal, solar panels and other like projects for businesses. Tom Appelbaum of Sustainable Solutions Funding will be the program administrator so the city is removed from the money aspect.

- ED Strategy – Ready for the next phase, which is recommendations for what we need to implement to improve business. Next Open House will be the end of August or early September.
- St. Clair Square – Aerie is opening in July
- Osh Gosh B'Gosh is opening a store in Lincoln Place II.
- Bobcat has been acquired by Brightstar Capital Partners. Would like to stay in Fairview Heights, but waiting to see what their new owners want them to do.
- Scott Winter, of the World Wide Technology Raceway, met with the Hotel group
 - It was suggested that there should be a shuttle, much like the Redbird Express, for people to get to the Raceway from our area.
 - Richard suggested that we get info of all incoming conventions and events. Paul suggested we could work that out with the convention bureau.
- Billboards will go up promoting Salute to the Arts, Wingfest and to promote shopping in Fairview Heights and at the mall.
- Paul has been notified that a public agency is looking to lease space here in the city.
- The MEBI has secured a \$100,000 grant, the organization has been formed, a bank account has been opened and they have submitted another grant proposal for another \$150,000. They are hoping to open in October 2019.
 - Richard suggested that we look into ways businesses could donate supplies.
- The former Pantera's building has been sold and will open as a daycare.

Monthly Revenue Reports

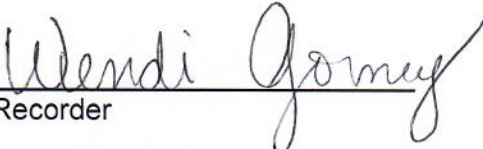
Director Ellis presented the sales tax report. The City is up 3.0%, or \$16,875.13 and year to date is down -1.8%, or -\$68,222.56. The finance dept. fixed the blank space for March 2015.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Triplett and seconded by Don Barkley.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted By:


Recorder