

**HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022  
12:00 PM**

**Call to Order:**

The January 5, 2022, meeting of the Industrial Development Commission was called to order at 12:02 PM by Chairman Jim Meridith.

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Chairman Jim Meridith, Vice-Chairman Diane Korte-Lindsey, Marshall Rinderer and Josh Kloss.

Members absent: Treasurer Jon Greve

Also present: Mayor Kevin B. Hemann, City Manager Chris Conrad, Economic Development Coordinator Mallord Hubbard, Director of Chamber of Commerce Hillarie Holzinger, SIUE Intern Gretchen Arnold and Recording Secretary Megan Von Hatten.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Diane Korte - Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021, Regular Session meeting of the Industrial Development Commission; seconded by Marshal Rinderer. All members voted aye; none voted no; the motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report – Mallord Hubbard**

Mallord reported on behalf of Jon Greve, the balance in the IDC account at First Mid Bank as of December 31, 2021, was \$57,044.93. There were no transactions during the month. However, Mallord stated \$500.00 will be taken out of the count for the e-Commerce grant approved at the last meeting held on December 1, 2021. Marshal Rinderer made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Diane Korte – Lindsey. All members voted aye; none voted no; the motion carried.

**Update on job inquiries – Mallord Hubbard**

- Schlafly is now open.
- Highland Auto Wash is now open – The members of the Industrial Development Commission had a discussion on making a stop at the new Highland Auto Wash location and expressed happiness for how well the service was for them.
- Epoc is now open. Mallord thanked the Chamber for hosting their Ribbon Cutting
- Refinded Sellers has a ribbon cutting coming up, no set date at this time, they are up and running here the square.
- Trouw - Their plant completion should be done around March and then they plan to do a Ribbon Cutting at that time. They officially where able to meet with Mayor Hemann, the meeting was very productive. They

expressed the love for being here in highland and plan to stay and hope to expand even more.

- Proposed project and future projects - Veterans Honors Parkway rezoning had a productive on-site meeting with Developers. Actively working with developers and staff to ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to support both current planned and future development in the area.

Mayor Hemann requested to make a remark about Rodney Davis a candidate running for State Representative. Mayor Hemann reported Davis calling him this past Monday evening requesting to meet with the City on Wednesday, it was short notice but we made it work. Mayor Hemann stated they had a luncheon at the new public safety building. He spoke about the EMS concerns, then took a tour at the new six million dollar expansion at Trouw. The last stop we made was at the Olde Wicks Factory. Mayor Hemann reported that Rodney Davis spent a total of four hours in the City so he was well informed about the City and what is going on around here. The Mayor and City Manager will be making a trip to Washington and Davis promised a tour when we get there.

#### **Update on Highland Communication Services – Mallord Hubbard**

Mallord reported on Director Imming's behalf stating they did indeed meet the December 15, 2021 deadline. Mallord stated HCS lost eight customers to competitors but also gained 12 new customers.

#### **Update on COVID-19 Disaster Initiatives – Mallord Hubbard**

Mallord stated we are partnering with Hollys House of Hope and Madison County Employment & Training office to offer on-the-job training for one of the HHH clients. We hope to use this as a pilot to potentially expand and find similar partnerships with other local businesses.. We are working with Hilliare with the Chamber to track training and help with any questions for anyone who may want to partner up with HHH. Mallord stated that the Chamber will be a great resource for them.

Mallord reported the City is still in the process of applying for funding through the Rebuild Illinois Grant for Phase 2 of the Broadway Streetscape.

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Final Selection of IDC Logo:**

Mallord reported to the board that they have the decision down to the final two selections. Mallord reported to personally like both final selection choices and stated he will be leaving the final decision up to the board.

Diane stated she really likes both as well, if she had to select one she would select option number two.

Marshal stated he as well likes both selections and reported he is leaning towards option number 2 as well. It looks familiar.

Mayor Hemann stated he thinks bold is better and he feels number two stands out a bit.

Hillarie reported that she likes number one it looks more specific, she can see the buildings in the rendering, she does not think it will look as great on a sign from a distance. Hillarie stated number two will look better as a bigger image and we want to stand out, this option will stand out and be noticed.

City Manager Conrad stated he likes number two. Conrad stated he sees Highland Bulldogs and to him that brings him back to the community.

Diane Korte – Lindsey made a motion to adopt option number two for the logo; seconded by Marshal Rinderer. All members voted aye; none voted no; the motion carried.

Hillarie stated she really appreciates the help with the logo and design.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting of the Industrial Development Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

**Adjournment**

Marshall Rinderer made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Diane Korte – Lindsey. All members voted aye; none voted no. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.