

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

June 2, 2026 – 5:00 PM

Council Chambers, 42 N. Main Street

Minutes prepared by: Scott Feraro

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Scott Feraro. Roll call: Chris Williamson, Mike Adank. Others present: Michele Klein. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion Chris, second Mike to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026, Economic Development Committee meeting. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

Plans to secure and deliver the bronze fountain donated by Erik Brynildson were confirmed.

Survey report of the Mill Street boat landing, parking lot, boat docks, and riverfront property from Burt Surveying was discussed. It was determined that the city property lines indicated ownership of significantly more property than originally assumed.

The auditorium grand opening plans were discussed, and a formal Halloween masquerade ball was confirmed as the theme for the event on 10/31/2026. Next steps are to design invitations and determine a process for distribution.

The question of a potential city park beautification donation from the Rhubarbfest committee was discussed. No confirmation of an offer or plans were available. Next step was for Scott to follow-up with S. Qualy to confirm amount and targeted location(s) for enhancement.

Scott requested consideration for this Committee's name to be shortened to "Economic Development". Chris made a motion to change and Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Scott confirmed that dugout shades were ordered and would be installed in collaboration with Public Works when received.

Initial Public Space Planning projects were discussed and confirmed as:

- Pig Island Overlook enhancement
- Wayfinding signage and information kiosk
- "Welcome to Fountain City" signage enhancement
- Mapping the "downtown spur" of an eventual multi-use trail

Next steps were to confirm the first 1 or 2 to take action on.

Motion to adjourn by Chris, second Mike. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.