

## Minutes

### **Economic Development Committee**

**Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 4:30 pm – New London City Council Chambers**

Members present via Zoom: Morack, Zaug, Faucher, Steinhorst, Pinch, Thompson, Bishop, Kopitzke, Johnson, Schmidt, and Watling. Others present via Zoom: T. Hutchison, Tom O’Connell, Gary Henke, Besaw, Leone, Zolkoske, Hanlon, Hunt, C. Mokler from Keller-Williams Realty, C. Katerzynske, Herter and Jackie Beyer.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morack at 4:30pm. Pinch/Bishop to approve the agenda. Carried. The January 28, 2020 minutes were approved.
2. Review proposed contract- much discussion and questions, with Hutchison giving a description of what his services would be. Questions from Pinch and Thompson. Consensus was to have the Mayor, Morack, Leone, a Library rep and Hutchison meet the next day and go over the many questions sent by the City’s legal rep, and make the suggested revisions. The document would then be brought back to this committee at its April regular meeting and go to Council in May. Thompson/Pinch moved to approve the revised contract be reviewed by committee at its next meeting. Carried with all yes, no opposed.
3. The 2020 goals list was requested at the next meeting, showing what has been accomplished up to that date.
4. April Kopitzke gave her report on business in the City: due to the Covid-19, 60 businesses in the City have had to close temporarily. The business economy is frail. There are resources business owners can access; they should call the Chamber of Commerce. Kopitzke listed the businesses that are up for sale and have new owners.
5. Administrator Update: Leone stated the Bazaar After Dark has been postponed. Before the Covid-19, he met with business owners to meet them. The WEDA deadline has been extended for recruiting businesses to New London.
6. The Downtown Revitalization Committee Minutes were included in the packet. There were no questions/comments.
7. O’Connell/Pinch moved to adjourn at 5:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Beyer, City Clerk