

CITY OF UNION
Economic Development Committee
October 21, 2020 (via Zoom Videoconferencing)

Members in attendance:

Jeremy Ramage, Commissioner

James Collett

Jeff Bowman

Steve Harper, BCPC Union Representative

David Plummer, City Administrator

Melissa Hinkle, Communications and Operations Director

Bob Jonas, Boone County Planning Commission

Mayor Larry Solomon

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Commissioner Jeremy Ramage.

Transportation Update: Administrator Plummer advised that the Mt. Zion project nearing completion, with the city anticipating the release of the assets, including the right-of-way and streetlights, in March or April.

Boone County Planning Update: Mr. Harper advised there were no updates from BCPC at this time.

Bench and Banner Programs: Administrator Plummer updated that both programs had been approved by the commission and were moving forward. Information on purchasing from both programs would be available shortly. Mr. Harper asked to be notified when purchasing becomes available, as he would like to support the programs.

New Business: Administrator Plummer advised that a second round of Small Business Grants were out for application now. He has received three applications already from Littlest Angels Daycare, Union42 Bourbon and Brew and Beef O'Brady's so far. The second round of grants will cover expenses up to \$10,000.

New Business: Mayor Solomon advised that Boomtown Biscuits and Whiskey will be moving into the old SugarFire location. They are an acclaimed restaurant with a location in Newport.

Administrator Plummer noted that there will be a public hearing with the Boone County Planning Commission on a zoning overlay for a development by the Grammas corporation near the Harmony subdivision. This hearing is set for 7:30 p.m. The overlay is requesting a higher density for the development than is included in the original Union Town Center plan.

Tuesday, November 24 at 6 p.m. was set for the next meeting date, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the need to review the BCPC public hearing information prior

to the commission meeting in December. The location will be via Zoom, due to member travel and work commitments. The public is invited to attend.

The Meeting was formally adjourned at 6:29 pm by Commissioner Ramage.