

Village of Millington
Joint Meeting between Village Council, Planning Commission and DDA
Monday, January 25, 2021

Roll Call

Present - Council: Bassett, Bonadurer, Beam, Nesbitt, Reinert
Present – Planning Commission: Nesbitt, Reinert, Bonadurer, Suttle,
Bassett.Jeff
Present - DDA: Wood, Pavelka, G.Reinert, R. Watkins
Due to COVID, the amount of members allowed was reduced.
Attending: Long

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Reinert in the Village Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks - Gailan

President Reinert welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Zoning Administrator – Jeff Bassett

Mr. Bassett discussed the increased zoning permits throughout COVID.

3. DDA Report – Chairperson Pat Woods

Chairperson Woods committed the DDA to be fully onboard with the RRC best practices and revitalizing our downtown. He suggested getting a traffic study done. He suggested keeping our options open, look at different avenues. He reported that the lease program is doing good and there is money available to help businesses. He would like to investigate the façade grant programs. He talked about attracting new residents to town. Mrs. Bassett recommended getting the school involved as that is usually the #1 reason that attracts people. It was discussed that the school needs to market also, sports, school of choice etc... to get people to Millington. We need to find a list of Brownfield cleanups from the state.

4. Planning Commission Vice-Chair – Theron Nesbitt

Mr. Nesbitt explained the RRC program. Mrs. Long discussed the RRC Benefit Information Package that was presented to help everyone understand what we are working towards.

5. RRC Program

Mrs. Long reported that we are very close to finishing the certification requirements. She reported that if we finish by June 30, 2021 we can finish with the best practices as they are, otherwise, there are Best Practice 2.0

that must be completed instead. Finishing by June 30, 2021 is fully doable. A list of properties was discussed, what the Village's vision is for those properties. Purchasing of a property by the Village on the list was discussed and keeping 5 acres was also discussed maybe to put a pavilion on it, have an area to have a farmers market etc...

6. Local Economic Development Plan

The goals listed in the Local Economic Development Plan were discussed. Welcome packets will be created with contact numbers for all boards and local tradesman. The Guide to Development will also be given to potential investors to assist them in the procedures. The Village will work on creating incentives like tax abatements, reduced water/sewer hookups etc... Mr. Wood asked about tax abatements for existing businesses such as the restaurants to assist them in recovering. Mrs. Pavelka, Mayville State Bank, said that she would go door to door to the business and talk to them about the Payroll Protection Program round 2 and work on Goal 1 checking in with businesses to see how they are doing, if there is anything we can do to help, if they have any issues. A questionnaire will be created on the website for businesses to submit issues or concerns that they have. Increasing signage for Arthur Latham Park and for Southern Links Trailway were discussed.

7. Highlights & Events/Projects happening in the Village

Mr. Reinert presented the projects and events that the Village will be doing in 2021. The street pole Christmas decorations were discussed, and everyone selected ones that they like. The list will be narrowed down, and the village will get a quote for replacing all of the street light decorations.

8. What would Residents like to see in the Village?

Beautification Committee will be created by Sharon Beam and Jessie Bassett

9. Setting goals for future projects

Finish the RRC certification program by June 30, 2021.

Work on the goals for the Local Economic Development Plan, make significant progress by the June meeting.

Create a welcome packet for new developers, existing residents, and businesses.

10. Schedule any joint meetings to collaborate on above projects

Schedule a joint meeting for June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Training – discuss training strategy

Mrs. Long discussed the training strategy for the boards & commissions. Everyone agreed about the hours required for each board and a schedule was created to watch webinars as a group and discuss anything that was learned and how it could be applied to our village. Each board will review the Economic Development Plan, the Master Plan and their by-laws. They will include a training portion in the by-laws. The council will create a rule of procedures.

12. Closing remarks

Mr. Reinert again thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and that we are hoping that this will be steppingstone for revitalizing our town.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaylene Long, Village Clerk