

**MINUTES
CITY OF DEKALB
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2021**

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) of the City of DeKalb, Illinois held a Regular meeting on January 8, 2021 at the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation Office, 2179 Sycamore Road, Unit 102, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Technical Services Supervisor Jeremy Alexander called the roll and the following EDC members were present: Chair Jeff Richardson, Members Vernese Edghill-Walden (Remote), Grant Goltz, and Brian Scholle, as well as Ex-Officio Members Paul Borek and Matt Duffy. Members Sam Walt and Mark Sawyer were absent.

Others present included Mayor Jerry Smith and City Manager Bill Nicklas.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Mr. Scholle moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Grant.

VOTE

Motion carried by a voice vote of the majority of members present.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. November 6, 2020.

MOTION

Mr. Scholle moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Goltz.

VOTE

Motion carried by a voice vote of the majority of members present.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager Report

City Manager Bill Nicklas reported on the status of development projects throughout DeKalb. He noted that DeKalb restaurants are still struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Smith spoke briefly regarding appointments and reappointments he's making to the City's boards, commissions, and committees.

2. DeKalb Chamber of Commerce Report

Mr. Duffy reported on the events and activities of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, including the virtual State of the City Address, which was presented in tandem with Northern Illinois University, the Leadership Academy, and the Chamber's Annual Meeting.

3. DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) Report.

Mr. Borek reported on the recent activities of the DCEDC.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Business Retention Program Business Update.

City Manager Nicklas stated that this topic would be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

H. NEXT MEETING: MARCH 5, 2021

The March 5, 2021 meeting of the EDC was confirmed.

I. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Mr. Goltz moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Scholle.

VOTE

Motion carried by a voice vote of the majority of members present. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH A. SCOTT, Executive Assistant

Approved by the Economic Development Commission on March 5, 2021.