**BEDCO Meeting November 6, 2023**

**Mission Statement:** BEDCO is committed to enabling economic growth by facilitating the development of housing and new businesses, providing support and solutions to existing businesses, as well as protecting the small-town values that make Baxter an excellent community to call home.

**Call to Order: 5:30pm**

Attendance- Katie Petermeier, Amanda Moorman, Katie Wilson, Jon Northrup, Travis Henderson

**Agenda:**

-JEDCO Updates

-Chamber Updates

-City Updates

-Realtor Reports

-Trailer Park

-Opportunities In Progress:

East Avenue

WFH

-BOOST Grant

-Marketing/Drone Footage

-Nursing Home Property

-EMS Tax Levy

-Notable Discussion Items

Cocina Hernandez

Bea’s Place sale

City Council/School Board Elections

CVT Meeting Update

-Bills Payable

-Vote Items

-Public Forum

**JEDCO**

* Facade Grant- there is money available again for this grant. Six grants have been completed in total; Jeff would love to complete a Facade grant in Baxter. KJM was one of the Facade grants completed just in Mingo with potential to also complete two apartments upstairs in the future.
* Prairie Meadows and Jasper County Community Foundation grants are coming up- funding of non-profit projects. Very easy grant applications, if you put an application together for one grant you can easily complete the application for the other grant. *This may be a good opportunity for projects like the bike trail/trailhead.*
* Eco Energy is putting a biodiesel plant, installing four 300K tanks. This is a $10.5 million project.
* Jeff is looking for a 75,000 square foot building to purchase for a potential investor if anyone is aware of a property like this, please let him know.

**CHAMBER**

* Baxter Fall Market- this year we were able to obtain over 30 vendors compared to our 4 last year. The Chamber partnered with the library to put on this event.
  + **Action Item: Approve invoice for Sass & Soul. Approve Reimbursement for Natalie- items purchased for fall market**
* Peddlers Permit- working with Chief Daggett on a possible permit needed for future events
* Insurance- In order to hold events at any school property, you do have to show proof of insurance or an umbrella policy. However, this is an added expense - approximately $1,000 per year.
* Main Street Beautification- Three bike racks have been installed, three trash cans are underway with Kyle Krampe and will be stored or taken care of with Bryce and the city.
  + Action Item: Approve Bike Rack payment
* The Chamber held a booth at the community resource fair through the school.
* Baxter Youth and Adult Organization List has been updated
* Welcome bags- we will now hand out welcome bags to new Baxter residents that are outside of city limits. Please let Natalie or Amanda know if you hear of any new residents.
* Natalie proposed the idea of having the option on the city website of a business being able to change their information via a form online or a new business being able to submit their information straight to the city through a form on the website.
* Natalie proposed the idea of being able to list all available business buildings to the public via the city website.
* Natalie attended the open house of the Mingo Bike Shop and encouraged everyone to check it out.
* Natalie spoke about the bike trail and plans for the trail head. There is potential for moving the caboose to face a different direction to open up more green space, bathrooms, etc.
* Dog waste stations have all been installed throughout the city.

**BOOST GRANT**

* BEDCO was selected for the BOOST grant and we are very excited to move forward to be working on this. We would love for collaboration with City Council once we have a plan in place. BOOST is currently working on our panel right now and they do have someone who specializes in housing on our panel. They plan to come and visit sometime in either December or January.

**TRAILER PARK**

* Plot plans have been submitted and waiting for a permit to be approved. There is room for ten units to be built within these lots. There will be phases of builds. Next step is getting approval from City Council on 11/13.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

* No new updates.
* Stephen did reach out a couple of times to see about getting some land from the nursing home property for the building opportunities on East Ave – Gliem’s would like to wait until all paperwork has been completed before continuing these talks.

**SOCIALS/MARKETING**

* We have had a couple of opportunities for drone footage, but have not been successful in being able to obtain the drone. We need to look into finding a new contact for drone footage.
* Business Spotlight: we will be spotlighting one business a week with a brief writeup, pictures, links, etc.

**NURSING HOME PROPERTY**

* There will be a meeting/hearing to officially approve the sale of the nursing home to the Gliem’s.

**EMS TAX LEVY**

* There have been multiple meetings held, please be sure to reach out to Randi Gliem before tomorrow.

**COCINA HERNANDEZ**

* Lease for one year, then buy. Short lunch hours, short evening hours- if they get enough support within that first year then they will be able purchase the building and have a permanent restaurant and more hours.

**BEA’S PLACE**

* Bunny and Mike are purchasing Bea’s Place and are hoping to be able to host New Years Eve as the owners. They will be able to keep lunch, dinner, and breakfast on the weekends.

**ELECTIONS**

* Please get out and vote tomorrow.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

* Katie Wilson announced that this will be her last year on BEDCO.
* We will discuss at our next meeting of plans for her position and what the future looks like for this. Ideas are in place.

**BILLS:**

$60 Attorney

Jon motioned to pay

Katie P. seconded the motion