

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Business Development Committee of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session at City Hall Quarters, 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in said City on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	Don Darr	-Chairman
	Scott Haggerty	-Member
	Bill Taylor	-Member
	Rodney Stecher	-Member
	John Littlefield	-Member
	John Basler	-Member
	Stephen Webb	-Member
	Pat Muckler	-Member
	Laura Rider	-Ex Officio Member

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Copies of the Minutes of the July 16, 2008 Business Development Committee meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Webb made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Mr. Basler seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSS THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Stecher stated his opinion that the purpose of a Business Development Committee is for the members to discuss ways in which to attract businesses to the City. If the City is interested in looking into ways to increase revenue, perhaps a Revenue Generating Committee should be created. He added that he is not aware of any large parcels of land vacant in the City to be commercially developed.

The members discussed potential developments such as the previous Bob Evans restaurant and the previous Vicker's gas station. It was agreed this area is in need of being redeveloped as it is an eyesore to the City.

The members agreed to request Mayor Svoboda to attend their next meeting to discuss the direction of the committee and how the efforts of the members would be best suited.

Mrs. Rider stated that the Chamber of Commerce is in the process of conducting a survey regarding the shopping habits of residents in Crestwood and Sunset Hills. The survey is included in the City's newsletter; however, the City of Crestwood was unable to

place the entire survey in their newsletter but did place a notice in the newsletter advising that the survey is on the Chamber's website. Mrs. Rider explained that the results of the survey will assist the Chamber in creating a database of businesses. The Chamber may try to get a grant for the database project. The Chamber receives calls from businesses interested in locating in Sunset Hills and Crestwood as well as businesses interested in the types of businesses already located in both cities.

The committee discussed the possibility of Anheuser Busch vacating the office buildings in Sunset Hills. It was pointed out that it is not believed there will be a major change in the offices.

There was discussion regarding the laws that changed earlier this year for Tax Increment Financing.

The members discussed the previously proposed development at the Viking. It was determined that Alderman Littlefield will contact the Viking to see if they are still interested in a development.

Alderman Littlefield stated that the Days Inn will be presenting a request for a variance at the next Board of Adjustment meeting and explained that the hotel would like to put a second story on a portion of the hotel.

#### **DISCUSS CHANGING THE FREQUENCY OF THE MEETINGS TO QUARTERLY**

It was agreed to discuss this matter at next month's meeting on October 15, 2008.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Basler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Stecher seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,



Laurie Govreau