

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007

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, December 19, 2007. The meeting convened at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Don Darr	-Chairman
	John Basler	-Member
	John Littlefield	-Member
	Douglas McGuire	-Member
	Rodney Stecher	-Member
	Laura Rider	-Ex Officio Member
Absent:	Kerry Borawski	-Member
	Dan Merlo	-Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the November 14, 2007 and November 28, 2008 meetings were distributed to the members for their review. Mr. Stecher made a motion to accept both meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Basler seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

TOURISM TAX

Mrs. Rider stated she has spoken with Mr. Neil Palazzio with the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and explained that Sunset Hills is exploring the possibility of implementing a tourism tax. Mr. Palazzio stated that the CVB would oppose it and also stated that Sunset Hills needs the permission of CVB to place the matter on the ballot. However, upon speaking with the city attorney, he did not find anything in the state statues indicating the city needs the permission from the CVB.

Mrs. Rider stated that representatives from the Days Inn and the Comfort Inn have not returned phone calls or replied to letters inviting them to the meetings of the committee.

It was pointed out that it may be difficult to find a group, people or companies to promote a tourism tax. It was also pointed out that the Viking/Holiday Inn is for sale. If this property is redeveloped it could reduce the number of hotel rooms in the city and the city may not have sufficient rooms to meet the requirement for the tourism tax.

A comment was made that the members previously discussed placing the issue on the April 2008 ballot. However, it may be better to place the issue on the November ballot. The members asked Mrs. Rider to check into the possibility of placing a tourism tax on the November 2008 ballot as well as the associated costs.

Alderman McGuire suggested presenting the matter to the Board of Aldermen at their January meeting for their opinions.

The members requested Mrs. Rider to request the city attorney to further research if the city would need the permission from CVB to place the tourism tax on the ballot.

The members agreed to present the matter to the Board of Aldermen at their January meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Basler seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,



Laurie Govreau