

Exira Chamber of Commerce  
May 14, 2010  
12 noon  
Exira Council Meeting Room

The Exira Chamber of Commerce met Friday, May 14, 2010 at 12 noon in the Exira Council meeting room.  
Present: Carol Lea Rasmussen Judy Bintner, Brenda Bengard, Judi Hansen, Jill Christensen, Judy Wheeler, Amber Wilson, Abby and Joe Rasmussen, Kevin Petty, Margy Hansen, Sheila Kearney, Tammy Magner, Jenn Marxen, Joan Shaffer, Dr. Brokke, and Jane Houchins.

The minutes were available for review.

The treasurer's report showed balance on hand of \$1342.21. Bills included: Advocate Journal (ad for Farmer's Market) \$24.40, Wallace Foundation (ad for Farmer's Market) \$25.

Old Business

- A. Carol Lea announced that Jason White (Western Iowa Advantage and Midwest Partnership) has an assistance (Michael Cooley)
  1. Tax Increment Finance (TIF)
    - a. Region XII is willing to meet with council to explain this low interest package; Chamber recommended: that Kevin Petty and Randy Thompson attend this meeting.
    2. Main street buildings  
Casey's old building – is now available for purchase (the small amount of underground Gas is a low environmental risk, but Casey's Corporation will continue to monitor monthly)
      - a.
      - b. Twigs – no interested parties at this time
      - c. Library – no update at this time
      - d. Greenbrier Golf Course – not ready for ribbon cutting; contact Bill Nelson if interested in scheduling class reunions, etc  
Medical Clinic – Dr. Brokke was present and introduced; will have a welcome coffee in June
      - e.
      - f. Free Clinics – no further information other than that Brayton Lutheran Church would not be a good site but the Brayton Town Hall could be used
      - g. Stage II – will be open in a couple of weeks but ribbon cutting not yet scheduled
      - h. Iowa Telecom name will be changed to Windstream Communications, Inc on or about June 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - i. Betty Drees is considering opening a couple of afternoons per week
      - j. Nothing new on Wilkerson building
- B. Exira Town Council report (Brenda B)
  1. Water rates will be increased
  2. Will reapply for COPS grant (currently have 1 fulltime and 3 part time law enforcement; federal grant would pay for 3 years salary, benefits; city would pay for 4<sup>th</sup> year)
  3. Checking into Exira Community schools and Kinko's to print and bind business directory
  4. Brenda reminded all that meetings, birthdays, weddings, etc may be put on community calendar (on web site)
- C. Exira Community Club
  1. July 4<sup>th</sup> events:
    - a. Dance Sat night (7/3/10)
    - b. Fun Run Sat morning (7/3/10)
    - c. Carnival for 3 days (7/3-5/10)

- d. Fireworks preceded by entertainment Sunday (7/4/10)
  - e. Parade Monday (7/5/10)
  - f. Probable Alumni Coffee Sunday (7/4/10)
  - g. Kiddies Parade and Tractor Pull Sunday afternoon/evening (7/4/10)
  - h. Barbecue Saturday evening (7/3/10)
- 2. Shred Day 5/15/10 at Rec Center
- 3. Garage Sale – 25 signed up; would advise that all consider being open Friday afternoon/evening, as well
- D. American Cancer Society Run Walk (6/19/10)
  - 1. Run Walk registration will start at 7 AM
  - 2. Lion's will serve breakfast 8 AM – 10:30 AM, with Beef Producers serving sandwiches from 10:30 AM to close
  - 3. Jill Christensen will be MC
  - 4. Entertainment will be in gazebo
  - 5. Bloominarias will be sold
- E. Farmer's Market will open Friday, June 4, 2010, 5 – 7 PM
  - 1. Sandy and Jenn Marxen are working on sign
  - 2. Concern regarding selling baked goods; Sandy will check with Julie/Harlan for rules and regulations
- F. Shop Hop – still looking at date to hold
- G. Exira Fall Festival – September 25, 2010, 9 – 4 PM
- H. Women's Day Out – committee (Brenda B, Joan S, & Tammy M) will meet prior to next meeting
- I. Chamber sponsored summer event in gazebo
  - 1. Suggest Community Band hold concert 8/29/10, 5 PM; Joan will ask Jean Petersen
  - 2. Joan will ask Rick Nielsen about possibility of a "Battle of the Bands" for August, 2011
- J. Lion's Club will host Lawn Tractor Pull August 22, 2010
- K. Jane Houchins gave flowers for the flood park (Joan will send a thank you)
  - 1. Atlantic HyVee donated roses (Joan will send thank you)
    - a. Margy will ask the Garden Club if they will purchase remaining roses
  - 2. Margy has applied for a \$50 grant from Wal-Mart to mulch the flood park
- L. E-Club is considering erecting a sign, acknowledging 2010 girls state champions at Hwy 71

The next meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the council meeting room.  
 The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Shaffer