

I. Call to Order 6:00pm

Present: Brock Miller, Landon Erway, Leigh Anne Seeman, Holly Frick, Braeden Corman, Carroll Bennett, Laurie Josefiak, Mike Burdett, Shaun Gardner
Absent: Katherine Roth, Sarah Johnson

II. November Minutes: Carroll Motioned, Landon 2nd, All Approved**III. November Financials:** Mike Motioned, Carroll 2nd, All Approved**IV. Additions to the Agenda** - None**V. Visitor & Ex-Officio Reports** - None**VI. Old Business** - None**VII. New Business**

- a. 2023 Election of Officers – President Brock Miller, Vice President Mike Burdett, Treasurer Landon Erway, Secretary Katherine Roth; Approved unanimously pending Katherine's approval to remain secretary
- b. Update Signature Card – No updates
- c. Vision for 2023 – Will set goals in January, but below are a few ideas:
 - i. Better the community: beautification, "power-washing" idea to help with businesses downtown
 - ii. Tasks for each of us – pick 2 businesses each month to visit, Introduce yourself, see if we they need anything or have any suggestions/ideas, etc. Basically make a relationship with the chamber businesses. Take them a chamber brochure.
 - iii. Streamline these processes: how to improve business retention within the community and how it goes hand in hand with community events? How can we welcome new businesses better? How to get new businesses started going and successfully the first time? Who is the point person with initial questions – flow sheet.

- iv. Could we add a “donate up” on sales to contribute to a fund for economic development commission?
- d. End of the Year Performance & Merit Review – Laurie moved to enter into executive session for 10 minutes (6:45pm - 6:55pm), Mike 2nd, all approved. It was a unanimous decision to give Alex a pay increase of 5% salary plus a one-time bonus of \$1,000.

VIII. Director's Update - donor funding for new speaker system downtown; Chamber Blue of Kansas insurance approved and happening in Jan. 2023. Christmas stuff all done and completed for this year, with the exception of the ham drawing and punch card. 22 businesses are doing the punch cards. We received 2 \$500 grants from Grain Belt Express towards prizes for the punch cards & Christmas events; 2 coffee hours next week + an after hours for Koch's Kustoms.

IX. Community Reports:

- a. City of Burdett - Christmas parade this Saturday; still a need for an insurance business in the town.
- b. City of Larned - housing evaluation for bringing in housing, 2-3 months to put together and have completed for a presentation. Splash pad – project almost completed. City looking at a 5-6 year plan on infrastructure and streets.
- c. City of Rozel - parade and Christmas festivities were a success, great event for the town. Pawnee heights school, purchased the church in town. Plans to revamp and redo for the school to use and add additional school spaced.

X. Task Force Updates:

- a. Downtown - Landon putting together a small downtown task force board, in the works. Plan to tour one building downtown after each monthly economic development commission and chamber meeting.

XI. Adjournment- Braeden motioned, Landon 2nd. All approved. 7:24pm

Next Meeting: January 5th, 2023 at 5:30 pm – Development Opportunity Profile (DOP) presentation with Don Macke beginning at 5:30pm followed by regular meeting at 6pm