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**JOINT MEETING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND
BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE HELD MARCH 1, 2021**

Economic Development Chairman Rick Kline started the joint meeting of the Economic Development and Building and Zoning Committee at 6:00 PM with Dawn Hanafin, Kyle Merkle, Greg Steffen, Brad Poindexter, Kelly Lay, and Matt Steffen. Council member Ron Legner was also in attendance.

The Committee members entered discussion regarding the disposition of the "City Farm" (PIN 30-28-100-004).

Joseph Poindexter had previously addressed the council regarding the purchase of a portion of the City Owned Farm Ground. The Committee discussed the option of dividing the remaining land into parcels or leaving as is. Several Committee members felt that the City should wait to see what type of businesses were interested, and how much property they would need, before determining the size of the parcels for the remaining ground. Kelly said she would like to see a "Fast Track" process for the unsubsidized property. Several members were in agreement with the "Fast Track" option.

Brad stated that if there was no marketing for the property, no one would know it was there and subsequently subdividing would not help.

The Committee discussed obtaining a real estate agent to market the property.

Dawn said she kept going back to the "odd shaped parcel" and asked Joe if he would be interested in purchasing the back portion of the property

first. Joe stated that he would not, due to the weight limits on East Street that would require the road to be upgraded to endure 80,000 pounds. Joe has contacted Mc Lean County for permission to place his entrance off of the County Road.

Rick stated that he would like more discussion regarding a realtor as well as developing a TIF to make the property more attractive. Ron asked about the possibility of selling the property as farm land. Rick stated that he would be in favor of that.

The Committee would like to see follow up with a realtor and Kelly is planning to put together a document on "fast track".

The joint Committee meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Vicki Moreland