

The Bushnell Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Rosy's in Bushnell. Those in attendance included President Don Swartzbaugh, Secretary Lorraine Crawford, Treasurer Krystal James, Lynn Campbell, Teresa Ebbert, K James, Devin Kozicki, Eric Moe, Patrick Osterman, Kim Pierce, Holly Scott, Sonja Settles, Christi Steelman and Robin Wilt.

President Swartzbaugh called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Krystal James presented the Treasurer report. She reported that there is a balance of \$8495.24.

A thank you note from the After-Prom committee was read.

Swartzbaugh reminded members they can now pay their Chamber dues if they haven't had an opportunity.

Swartzbaugh reported that he had no donation requests.

Christi Steelman provided an update on the Chamber website. She announced the website is ready to launch but she did need permission to use WIX as the website. Steelman recommended using .org after the domain name. She reported that the home page has been developed. Steelman noted the host cost which will be \$276 a year. She reviewed what information and links could be on the websites.

It was the consensus of those in attendance to authorize Steelman to go forward with the Chamber web page. Swartzbaugh encouraged everyone to participate by providing information regarding their organization or business.

Brief discussion followed.

A motion to authorize Steelman to establish the Chamber website was made by Eric Moe and seconded by Robin Wilt. The motion carried.

Stelman thanked members for their support.

Swartzbaugh reported on the MDH CEO Roundtable. He said it was an excellent meeting. Swartzbaugh stated that CEO Bryan Dietz noted at the roundtable that MDH's goal is to maintain its independence and strong balance sheet, find clinical not fiscal partnerships, address all operation performance issues, expand clinical services delivered by clinical partnerships, right size operations to achieve efficiencies and improve operational transparency.

Patrick Osterman – McDonough District Hospital (MDH) Leader-Public Relations & Marketing provided an MDH update. He reported that as of Saturday, June 1, 2019 the Senior Behavioral Health unit will no longer accept new patients. Osterman said on June 11, 2019 the Convenient Care clinic will move from Hy-Vee to MDH Family Clinic which is located on the second floor of Building 2. He reported after a hiatus of two week the Convenience Care will be open on July 1, 2019 with the same hours of operation as Hy-Vee. Osterman stated MDH is currently in the candidate evaluation stage for Vice President of Human Resources and Vice President for Ambulatory Services. He announced Dr Scott Urch and Dr Scott Wright will be leaving MDH in

mid -July. Osterman reported on the status of the Women's Center with completion in July. He noted Envision will take over MDH's Emergency Service on July 1. Osterman observed that MDH President/CEO Brian Dietz's May CEO Session for community and business leaders was very well attended with positive comments on his presentation regarding the state of the hospital.

Swartzbaugh commented on the Business After Hours that was held on May 13. He said the event was sponsored by Tellers and Farmers and Merchants with the assistance of Christie Steelman and Mark Rauschert. Swartzbaugh said that the topic of conversation was looking at the positives in Bushnell. He commented that he has had preliminary discussions with Sonja Settles at BPC to host the next Business After Hours. Currently having it at the VFW on Monday, July 22 at the VFW. More details to follow. Swartzbaugh encouraged members to consider hosting a After Hours event.

Swartzbaugh reported that this year will be Vaughan and Bushnell's 150th anniversary. He said the date to recognize their anniversary to be determined.

Mayor Robin Wilt reported on the status of the July 3, 2019 fireworks. She introduced the new City Clerk, Teresa Ebbert. She stated the city is working on the possibility of a city-wide yard sale to be held at the Bushnell Recreation Center on August 17, 2019.

Swartzbaugh said a committee will be formed for the Christmas event.

Swartzbaugh reviewed the following coming events:

1. 6/22 – BPC /WP Football Golf Outing
2. 6/29 – Team Reid Family Fun Day
3. 7-26 – Christmas in July
4. 8/21 thru 8/24 Bushnell Town and County Festival
5. 12/8 – No Tax Sunday

Mayor Robin Wilt reported on the status of the July 3, 2019 fireworks. She introduced the new City Clerk, Teresa Ebbert. Wilt announced there will be a one-day Jeep Deployment event on September 7. She explained that the VFW Auxiliary will be in charge and that this is a fundraiser for the auxiliary. Wilt reported that the Western Illinois Jeep Club will drive their jeeps to be displayed at the VFW after the event. She explained the event is still in the planning stage. Wilt stated the city is working on the possibility of a holding a yard sale at the Bushnell Recreation Center on August 17, 2019. Wilt provided details pertaining to the event. She announced the Light Parade will be held December 12, 2019. She mentioned that Christmas in July will be held on July 26 at Wildwood at Timberview Lakes. There will be a car show and first Annual Craft Vendor Show from 10:00 am to 4:00 PM.

Eric Moe reported it is important that homeowners and renters who were negatively impacted by all of the rain and sewer to forward their cleanup information to City Hall. He pointed out this information is needed to the need for grant funding. Moe said the grant application is in process. He advised members that a new designed is being developed for a deep well in Bushnell and the city is applying for a grant to help defray cost. Moe informed members that

the Phantom Regiment a Drum and Bugle Corps will perform June 7 at 7 pm at Hanson Field. He said the event is free to the public.

Carla Teslicka announced the Before School program will continue at the Recreation Center but the After School which has had poor attendance will be discontinued.

Holly Scott reported on the Youth Basketball tournament.

Kim Pierce reported on the status of the Macomb CEO program. She announced Christie Steelman was hired facilitator. Pierce said there are a total of 16 students participating from BPC and West Prairie. She commented that the Wind Farm construction has started. Kim related that the Farm to Table which will benefit B-PC's FAA organization is sold out.

Lynn Campbell, Owner/Publisher reported the Community News Brief is working on Christmas in July event. She stated that the publication that comes out three times a week and be mailed to your home for \$25 a year.

Swartzbaugh there will be no Chamber meeting in July. He said the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7.

The meeting was adjourned.