

SPECIAL WORK SESSION NO. 32  
Bridge View Center, 102 Church St.

October 8, 2024  
5:30 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present were Council Member Caviness, Reid, Galloway, Hoffman and Mayor Johnson.  
Council Member McAntire was absent.  
Present for Wapello County Board of Supervisors: Batterson, Morgan, Ziegler.

Galloway moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: McAntire.

Items discussed at the work session are listed on the agenda and on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Marc Roe, Director, GOPIP, provided a brief overview and introduced the panel as they presented.

The City already has some tools in place for economic development (TIF and Urban Revitalization).  
Start with a Vision – what do we want for our community?  
Continue to partner with private development and investors.  
There's an expectation from IEDA for the City's contribution to projects when applying for grants.  
Every community is experiencing a housing shortage; we are competing with everyone in Iowa.  
How are other cities utilizing UR and TIF differently than Ottumwa?  
About 90% of Ottumwa is in a TIF district; but is there a true plan on what to do with the money being collected? Need to be intentional about how we use TIF because it gives you flexibility.  
If cities don't have an incentive plan in place, it leaves options too vague for developers.  
Identify what council's comfort levels are for offering incentives to developers. What risk are we willing to take?

There being no further discussion, Caviness moved, seconded by Galloway to adjourn. Motion carried 4-1. Absent: McAntire.

Adjournment was at 7:37 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA

Richard W. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Reinhard, CMC, City Clerk

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