

May 22, 2013

Task Force Members

Kelly Allen – Present
Marilyn Coffey – Present
Pastor Michael Cole – Present
Jim Marshall – Present
Jack Schrauth – Present
Tom Shaw – Present
Bill Wadsworth – Present

Also Present

Special Assistant to the City Council – Danny Langloss, Jr.

Call to Order by Marilyn Coffey

Approval of 5/13/2013 Minutes: motion by Bill Wadsworth seconded by Kelly Allen. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

Discussion of Perspective Speaker and Prospective Community Visits:

Would like to speak with leadership from the following cities:

- East Peoria – Council/City Administrator
- Sterling - Aldermanic Form (City Manager)
- Rochelle - Council/Manager
- Ottawa – recently went through similar process of investigating different forms of government. Want to speak to the head of the committee that discussed government change for Ottawa.
- Dixon – Mayor/Council - would like to speak with the commissioners

□ Pekin recently transitioned to a new form of government. Danny Langloss to research timeframe of government change.

Discussion of Key Questions:

The following questions were selected to be asked if the officials representing the cities listed above accept an invitation to discuss their form of government with GTF.

How does your form of government impact economic development?

In your form of government how many directly report to you?

How do you communicate with the mayor, city council or city elected officials and how often?

Are your city clerk and city treasurer elected?

If you have a commission form of government, who do department heads report to and how are conflicts between commissioners and the administrator resolved?

What position is responsible for finance?

What is the decision making tree? How are decisions made and finalized?

Are long and short-term goals established and who handles this process?

If you are a Council/Manager form of government, how does the Manager insure transparency?

What are the pros and cons of the type of government you have in your city?

What changes, for the better, would you make on your type of city government?

Proposal for Further Action:

Marilyn Coffey will start contacting the city leaders from the list of cities above to set-up discussion times. She will also work on a letter to send to each city.

The GTF will not meet again until a meeting has been arranged with an official from one of the cities listed above.

Tom Shaw would like the GTF to consider adding recommendations that include Code of Ethics policies and Economic Development Opportunities.

Possibly have City Attorney, Rob Lesage, do a Q&A with the GTF.

Action Items for Next Meeting:

None.

Bill Wadsworth moved to adjourn with a second from Tom Shaw. Unanimously approved.