

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
City of Germantown  
October 16, 2025  
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tom Winning, Mark Heistand, Kenneth Tudor, Frank Dupps

Staff Present: Judy Gilleland, City Manager

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mark made a motion to approve the September minutes. Kenny seconded. The motion passed.

**Business**

*Business recruitment*

Judy provided a few updates on new businesses in town. Unfortunately, Wendy's has decided not to build in Germantown at this time. The corridor on Route 4 remains a place of future opportunity with new businesses, especially chains.

*Upcoming Events*

The Germantown Jingle has been cancelled for this year, but the HollyDays celebration sponsored by the Historical Society will still be held that Saturday, November 29. This will take place on both Plum St and Center St. The organizers are anticipating several vendors and food trucks (looking at Nikki Towery's Facebook page, they are no longer accepting further vendors). There will be carolers and music as well as a community tree lighting at Scott Weidle's property on the corner of Market and Plum. That being said, this has sparked the discussion that better communication between entities downtown needs to take place, especially when it comes to planning events.

America 250 – Judy advised that we hope to have at least a small celebration in recognition of the country's 250th anniversary. She will be meeting with Nina of the Historical Society, along with Will Parsons and Kelli Novak, to discuss details. The City, Township and Historical Society all agreed a year ago to each fund \$1000 toward a celebration. The most likely scenario is to build off existing events.

*Miscellaneous*

Tom announced that the Chamber of Commerce is going to close operations, with the end of the calendar year marking the official date. The Chamber had previously funded the insurance for the Farmer's Market as well as purchased and distributed the DORA stickers. A new entity will need to take

responsibility for these tasks. Mark stated that the Lions club might be able to assist. This will require further discussion.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am**