

Troy Ethics Committee Meeting – November 29, 2018

PRESENT: Ryan Manley, Chair, Karen Pelland, Steve Muller and Kevin Reilly
Meeting start time – 6:00 p.m.

Ryan Manley announced and thanked that City Council for filling the vacancies on the Ethics Committee. New member Laurie Kennedy and new Member Kevin Reilly. Laurie Kennedy was unable to attend the meeting.

Since there are 4 present there are not enough for a quorum for voting. No one at meeting for public comment.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. FOIL Requests – banks and code violation information. John Salka advised Ryan that the issues of the FOIL requests going to the correct mailbox have been corrected on the website. A previous FOIL request made by the Times Union was resolved.
2. COI Statements – Daquetta was to follow-up regarding the conflict of interest statements from all City Council members, but Steve Muller reported no progress to date on that issue. Steve still not sure if all the COI we received were complete. Mr. Caruso in City Hall is very difficult to deal with, as reported by Daquetta when she previously reached out to him for assistance. Steve Muller will follow-up with Daquetta to see if she was able to get any further.
3. September 30, 2018 minutes could not be voted on for acceptance due to lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Advisory Opinion requested from Cheryl Kennedy regarding her provisional appointment with the City as Economic Development Coordinator, from which she resigned in order to explore other opportunities through her own business. She seeks an opinion from the committee as to conflicts of interest between certain businesses and her previous work with the City. Ryan Manley will draft the Advisory Opinion for approval by the committee to be sent to her. Kevin Reilly stated that he knows Cheryl but can offer an impartial opinion on the subject. The conflict arises with Section 43-1, Section I. It was discussed and decided she should not represent her clients when dealing directly with the City of Troy due to her previous position. However, any other member of her company can certainly represent a client when dealing with the City. Karen Pelland made a motion to issue the Advisory Opinion, seconded by Steve Muller. All present were in favor.
2. Advisory Opinion requested by Monica Kurzejeski, Deputy Mayor. Her husband is a contractor with American Image, related to the Arkelian family. She also works at the farm stand for the family, when in season (Happenstance Farm) and at the Troy Farmer's Market. She offered to recuse herself from voting, discussion or negotiations regarding the 750 2nd Ave. Redevelopment Project as American Image is involved in the project. Kevin Reilly made a motion for the Advisory Opinion to be drafted, Steve Muller seconded. No foreseeable conflict of interest as she is not acting on behalf of the City when working at the Farm or the Farmer's Market, and no

dealings regarding the project occur while he is doing this work. Karen Pelland offered to draft Advisory Opinion.

Next meeting set for January 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. No further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.