



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
IN PERSON
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 – 9:00 AM
CITY HALL – SECOND FLOOR**

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order

Council Representative Peggy Huckabee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Roll call

Present: Commission members Wyatt Cooper, Mary Kay Paulson Weston, Loren Gray, Jonah Ralston, Council Representative Peggy Huckabee, City Manager Rebecca Houseman Ex-Officio. Absent: Jim Nelson and Mark McGlynn. Also present: Emily Clavette of ThriveEd and Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Ebbert.

3. Approval of Minutes

*a. Review and possible action relating to the **minutes of the December 11, 2024, Economic Development Commission meeting***

Cooper moved, seconded by Mary Kay Paulson Weston to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024 Economic Development Commission meeting. Motion carried.

4. New Business

a. The Economic Development Commission may adjourn into closed session per Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) to consider financial and personal information of an applicant for the City of Fort Atkinson's Capital Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund (CCRLF) from Tattooed Tree Books LLC
Dena Tullis introduced herself and her business, Tattooed Tree Books, LLC.

Gray moved, seconded by Cooper to adjourn into closed session per Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) to consider financial and personal information of an applicant for the City of Fort Atkinson's Capital Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund (CCRLF) from Tattooed Tree Books LLC. Motion carried.

*b. The Economic Development Commission may return to open session and may take action on the application from Tattooed Tree Books LLC for a **Capital Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund Loan***

Gray moved, seconded by Ralston to return to open session and may take action on the application from Tattooed Tree Books LLC for a Capital Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund Loan. Motion carried.

Gray moved, seconded by Ralston, to approve the loan for Tattooed Tree Books, doing business as "**The Art of Dena Tullis**," in the amount of \$23,000 at a fixed rate of 2% for a 4-year term, General Business Security Agreement with a personal guarantee. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Cooper moved, seconded by Gray to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Ebbert
City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director