



Van Economic Development Corporation  
April 23, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Present

Barbara McMillan, President  
Kathy Brunson, Director  
Pat Dixon, Secretary

Allison Young, Treasurer  
Charles West, EDC Director

Absent

Sherrie Easley, Director  
Mark Thompson, Director  
Sherran Hilliard, Director

Audience

Victoria Tankersley

I—Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With quorum of the Van EDC members present the regular meeting was called to order by Barbara McMillan, President at 5:30 pm on Monday, April 23, 2018.

Opening Prayer

Allison Young

Pledge of Allegiance

Barbara McMillan

II—Open Session

None

III—Audience

IV—Director's Report

All included in the information and discussion

V—Information & Discussion

- Water/Sewer Extension to South of I 20 in hands of the engineers
- 73 acres are being looked at by 2 potential buyers for a projects
- A grant is available for extending utilities.
- Can't be fast food or truck stop. Something like hotel or retailer
- Must guarantee 30 new jobs
- Need to update the EDC web site
- Workshop on legislative update on EDC was attended April 13, 2018.
- Tom Mullins from Tyler will work with us if they have some projects that might work in the rural Atmosphere. He will contact Van.
- Department of Agriculture has grants for downtown sidewalks. We need to develop the downtown and get it looking spiffy.
- Parks are coming along. The City Park will be used mainly for the activities and the new McMillan park will be the events park.
- Community Center will get updated. That area will be the City's Sports complex to have tournaments, etc. Lots of people will be here to shop in restaurants and stores.

- Texas Rose Horse Park is bringing in people and dollars. Filling the Hotel each weekend, restaurants and stores.
- Hotel/Motel Tax is picking up nicely. Also mixed drinks tax. Great hotel staff for the customers.
- Republic Services is using hotel for regional meetings every quarter.
- MedStop is closed. Several reasons. Rent being raised as in initial lease and sewer issues.
- Concern for Bush's Chicken.
- Chevron Land on South side of Bush's may be up for sale by Chevron soon.
- ROCO—has officially closed. The yard next to the Museum is getting cleaned up. The City will eventually use that area at City Park for parking.
- Old Bank Building downtown is owned by AC Musgraves. Would like to consider having the façade to be changed and cleaned up.
- Residential developers being reached out to City for housing.
- Marketing plan is now in place. Get any ideas for this plan to Charles West. The building codes are getting updated now.
- Ellison and Clark properties are starting to get inquiries.
- Harry Sump property by I 20 is being considered once they find all ownership details.
- Getting Alexander yard cleaned up and motel area.
- Permanent bathrooms in process at Van City Park
- City will take over mowing the Movie House on May 1, 2018 since it belongs to City.
- City Christmas Tree lighting and afternoon activities will most likely coincide with the Holly Berry Holiday Bazaar.
- City Fourth of July will take place on June 30 at McMillan Park.
- McMillan Park plan is to have a pavilion and an amphitheater.

#### VI—Consent Agenda

Consider/approve minutes of regular session. Motion to approve January 22, 2018 minutes was made by Allison Young and seconded by Pat Dixon. Motion carried.

Consider/approve monthly expenditures for January 22 to April 23, 2018 was made by Allison Young and seconded by Pat Dixon. Motion carried.

#### VII—Actions Items

None

#### VIII—Executive Session

None

#### VIV—Return to Regular Session

VV—Adjourn— Pat Dixon made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Allison Young. Motion carried at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Valentine, Administrative Assistant.