

Van Economic Development Corporation
August 24, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes

Present

Barbara McMillan
Pat Dixon
Scott Wells
Tim Perry
Kathy Brunson
Roger Johnson, Director

Absent

Dwayne Wheeler
Sherrie Easley

Audience

None

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 at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 24, 2015.

Opening Prayer
Tim Perry

Pledge of Allegiance
Barbara McMillan

II - Open Session

None

III - Audience

IV - Director's Report – Roger Johnson

1. Love's Travel Center Update – begin Oct 1 on Hotel (Marriott) 77 rooms with a convention center – bar and restaurant – club license has been acquired
2. Charges for use of the Movie House – proposed registration presented – with possible changes for use by Non-Profits for fund raising purposes – civic groups use free of charge – sound system and projector/screen still not installed – may need extra charges for that.
3. Update of Street Lights – John Beall working with Roger to get the concrete risers in place on Main Street from Maple to Walnut. Possibly use Chuck Kotlarz to help with his project.
4. Swing for Van golf benefit total - \$42,675. Big check will be presented to Van Community Ministries and Van Educational Foundation.
5. Anniversary Golf Tournament scheduled for May 6, 2016.

6. Coon Hunters set for Texas Rose – January 2nd through 6th. – the participants will be spending money in Van.
7. Approved extension of grace period to remedy Texas Leverage Fund Debt Service Coverage Ratio non-compliance. EDC has received a 6 month extension on the payment plan.
8. I-20 Corridor East Texas Regional Economic Development meet was Aug 20 held in Dallas
9. Possibility of bringing James Cristy Cole Circus for Community events- possibly on Oct 10.

V - Information and Discussion

1. Discussion selling 165 West Main to Jace Scarbrough Surveying. It was suggested to open it up to other businesses in community.
2. Discussion appropriate name for the Movie House. Possibly to have a contest put out on Facebook for suggestions. Begin on Aug 31 to Sep 21. Vote at the next EDC meeting on September 28.
3. Discussion of using Gary Traylor for grant management for EDC grant projects with major grants to repair Van City Lake. Roger will call him to get a written proposal set up before the next City Council. City of Van has called him as well for City purposes.
4. Discussion of the planned use of Van City Lake – Scott Wells knows the person who was caretaker for so many years out there. He will contact him for information. We will make specific plans for use of City Lake using Hawkins Lake as an example.
5. Attendance Policy of Board Members – Policy state that each member needs a commitment to be at meetings. Policy states should not miss more than 3 meetings in year. Dwayne Wheeler has asked to resign so will need to fill his position. Dwayne Wheeler’s name will also need to be taken off the checking account 525561 and CD 87966.

VI Consent Agenda

1. Motion to approve of Month Expenditures for Aug 2015 made by Pat Dixon and seconded by Kathy Brunson. Motion carried.

VII Action Items

1. Motion to consider/approve budget for 2015/16 fiscal year made by Tim Perry with disclaimer that says the revenue equals expenses and seconded by Pat Dixon. Motion carried.
2. Motion to consider/approve the appropriate charges for use of the Movie House with changes as indicated in discussion was made by Pat Dixon. Seconded by Kathy Brunson. Motion carried.
3. Motion to consider/approve the selling of 165 West Main to Jace Scarbrough was made by Tim Perry. There was no second. Motion did NOT carry.
4. Motion to consider/approve making Roger Johnson Director of EDC, Convention & Tourism Affairs and adding to city Council agenda for approval was made by Scott Wells. There was no Second. Motion did NOT carry.

5. Motion to consider/approve cost of change of insurance for Movie House to property and general liability with quotes that are needed was made by Scott Wells and seconded by Tim Perry. Motion carried.
6. Motion to consider/approve cost of \$500 banner for Texas Rose Equestrian Center . No Motion was made.
7. Motion to consider/approve election of officers/board members. President – Barbara McMillan, Vice President Tim Perry, Secretary Pat Dixon, Treasurer Scott Wells. Motion was made to accept this slate of officers for 2015-16 was made by Scott Wells and seconded by Tim Perry. Motion carried.

VIII New Business

1. Planning session was set for September 14, 2015 – 7 PM. Roger Johnson’s appraisal and Goals for 2015-16 will be set.

IX Executive Session

None

X Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made at 8:45 PM made by Pat Dixon and seconded by Tim Perry. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted – Patricia Valentine, Administrative Assistant.

Addendum:

Dwayne Wheeler, Treasurer will taken off the checking account #5225561 and CD #87966.

Scott Wells, Treasurer, will be added to both the checking and CD accounts.