

Van Economic Development Corporation
February 23 meeting rescheduled to March 2, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes

Present

Barbara McMillan
Dwayne Wheeler
Sherrie Easley
David Tapley
Pat Dixon
Roger Johnson, Director

Absent

Candace Myers
Tim Perry

City Staff

None

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 7:08 PM on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Opening Prayer

Dispensed with since the meeting had to move to EDC/Chamber office because of gas leak at Community Center

Pledge of Allegiance

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Open Session

Audiences

None

Director's Report – Roger Johnson

Grants Update

Working with Traylor & Associates also checking with Grants Works and TX Dot Grant that is made available by Mark McClanahan. Barbara indicated she would like to have some specific information by the next meeting on grant availability.

Update on Theatre Construction.

Construction began on Feb 16 and should be completed by end of May if not sooner. Contractor will be taking care of foundation on the back wall and did find some foundation issues in the front as well that he will take care of.

Update on Downtown Antique Light Poles

City of Van has agreed to put up the poles and street signs at no expense to EDC. It was suggested we have an agreement in writing for City and EDC to sign as a memorandum of understanding.

Update on Timetable for Love's Truck Stop Hotel

Kevin McCarthy will be meeting with Roger on March 5, 2015 for details on progress with Hotel. City is still working on the water study.

Update on Park Row Business Park

The Charles Ellison dam repair has been delayed because of weather. EDC is holding payment to XIT because of unfinished work. Once they get the work that needs to be completed done, payment will be made. ie: broken culvert, replacement of grass in an area and concrete at Ellison place. Ray is checking on all this and will get a report back to Roger.

Chevron

Ms Delores Vick has not called back regarding 46 acres across I-20 and on the SW corner. Will continue to call Ms Vick until we get some information.

Children's Cancer Fund

Roger is still working with Roger Staubach to set up a home base in Van for the East Texas Cancer Fund Foundation.

Consent Agenda

Minutes for the regular meeting of January 26, 2015. Motion to accept minutes as read by David Tapley and seconded by Sherrie Easley.

Monthly Expenditures for January 2015. Motion to accept expenditures report was made by David Tapley and seconded by Pat Dixon.

Action Items

Consider/Approve C.L. Kotlarz Construction Agreement for work on the Movie Theatre for total of \$186,000. Motion was made by Dwayne Wheeler and seconded by Pat Dixon.

Consider/Approve purchase of tickets for a table of 10 at the Annual Chamber Banquet. It was suggested we place this in the annual budget each year. Motion was made to accept this by Sherrie Easley and seconded by Dwayne Wheeler.

Vote on motion to approve underwriting the Academic Foundation Recognition Banquet for \$1,030. It was suggested we place this in the annual budget each year. Motion was made to accept this by David Tapley and seconded by Pat Dixon.

Vote on motion to approve Steve Hudnall PC, Tyler Texas, for auditing our quick books once a year. Motion was made to accept Steve Hudnall firm as auditor was made by Dwayne Wheeler and seconded by David Tapley.

Vote on motion to approve the Downtown Beautification Program cost for Street lights, street name signs, antique clock and banners. After discussion of each of these items, it was put in the motion to have the antique street lights, street signs, 24" x 9" to be black with white letters and EDC logo on side, the banners to say Welcome to Van and the EDC logo, with the total of all items not to exceed \$7,000. Motion to accept was made by David Tapley and seconded by Dwayne Wheeler.

Vote on motion to put out bids to restore the building at 165 Main Street, otherwise known as the burned out building. Motion was made to accept getting the bids for an outdoor venue by David Tapley and seconded by Dwayne Wheeler.

The EDC wishes to request the Auditing Firm from the City of Van to change the terminology of their report regarding the \$108,052 to "replace line item "Donation from WS Fund" to "Correction of funds deposited to City Account in error".

The EDC will fill out a request form at City Council to speak at the April 9, 2015 meeting regarding the agenda New Business item to" Consider/Approve the Economic Corporation to stand along separate from the City of Van".

The second portion of that statement reads: *In the event that the Director of EDC, President of EDC and the treasurer of EDC simultaneously leave their positions, access and control of the EDC bank accounts will revert back to the City of Van.*

The EDC asks that this portion of the agenda be rescinded as this is not a true statement according to the Texas Bank & Trust officials as was indicated by the City of Van.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dwayne Wheeler and seconded by Sherrie Easley. Motion carried and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted – Patricia Valentine, Administrative Assistant