MEETING MINUTES

NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITEWRIGHT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HELD AT THE WCDC/CHAMBER OFFICE – 113 W. GRAND, ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

1. ATTENDANCE/NOTICE OF MEETING:

- 1.1. Board Members: Bart Bodine, Karri Donoho, Matt Cook, Ruby Howell, Olivia Hutchison
- 1.2. Absent Board Members: Shirley Ballard, Chris Donoho
- 1.3. Guests: Chief James Scott, Whitewright Police Dept.; Gwyn Gordan, City Secretary; John Simon, Whitewright Sun
- 1.4. Notice of Meeting: To be received and accepted as posted and distributed
- 1.5. Call to Order: At 7:02 PM Bart Bodine, President called the meeting to order.
- 2. Visitor's/Citizens Forum: Chris Ely, City of Whitewright Library present to show us a preliminary draft of the front page of the new city website. Chris Ely and Olivia Hutchison are discussing a possible Photo Contest through the Whitewright Area Chamber of Commerce to collect community pictures for the new website. The website will be divided into section and will focus on attracting new business. There is a section for business development, an A-Z business directory, local attractions, events calendar, filming highlighting films done here in Whitewright, and FAQ section. The new website will have an e-subscribe function that allows the community to sign up for notifications such as weather and city related Emergency Notice, public posting of agenda and minutes, and community events. Agendas and minutes will be posted on each groups page plus all will be posted collectively onto one page. Information from the current website is also being pulled over to the new site. The new website is being designed by CivicPlus and will be controlled by the city.

3. Action Items:

- 3.1. Approve Minutes from February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion to Approve: Ruby Howell. Seconded: Matt Cook. Motion carried 6-0.
- 3.2. Approve February 2021 Financial Report. Motion to Approve: Matt Cook. Seconded: Karri Donoho. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Action Items - BUSINESS OF MEETING:

- 4.1. Discuss City Ordinance issues with Chief James Scott.
 - How does the city handle trash in yards and front porches, high grass, and building in disrepair that are creating a hazard and are an evesore to the community?
 - 4.1.1. High Grass Complaints Addressed by sending a letter to owner.
 - 4.1.2. City Nuisances—We do currently have city ordinances in place that address keeping lots clear of debris and mowed. Abandoned car removal are addressed and if assistance is needed solutions will be recommended. A public hearing needs to be held to adopt other specific nuisances to make them a new City Ordinance.
 - 4.1.3. Parking cars on the sidewalks A form can be filled out at City Hall addressing this issue.
 - We do want the city to know that the CDC supports the city efforts.
- 4.2. Discuss and take action the purchase of Christmas decoration and installation for 2021. We need purchase our own Christmas lights/decorations and hire a company to install them. We should start looking into this now during the off season to save on cost. Landscape companies need to be contacted regarding the light installation; many offer this type of service during the winter months which is their down time. No motion made at this time.
- 5. <u>Informational Reports:</u> (These reports are for information only. No discussion is appropriate unless there is a specific item listed below or there is a request that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda as a discussion and action item. Sec. 551.0415 of Open Meetings Act):
 - 5.1. Board Members Concerns: Bart Bodine informed us that April 12, 2021 will be his last meeting with the CDC Board. Bart will be turning over his position to Karri Donoho, CDC Vice President to finish out his term as President of the CDC Board. The CDC Board will begin to scout out new members to fill any future vacancies.
- 6. <u>Adjourn:</u> Meeting was adjourned by Bart Bodine, President at 7:41 PM. Motion to Adjourn: Karri Donoho. Seconded: Ruby Howell. Motion carried 6-0.

DATED THIS THE 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

Bart Bodine, President

Olivia F. Hutchison, Secretary