

MEETING MINUTES

NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITEWRIGHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HELD AT THE WEDC/CHAMBER OFFICE – 113 W. GRAND, ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 COMMENCING AT 5:30 P.M.

1. Attendance/Notice of Meeting:
 - 1.1. **Board Members:** Kelly Selman, Gwyn Jordan, and Justin Minzenmayer.
 - 1.2. **Absent Board Members:** Amy Shaw
 - 1.3. **Guest:** Tona Shiplet, Mayor
 - 1.4. **EDC Staff:** Olivia Hutchison, Administrative Assistant
 - 1.5. **Notice of Meeting:** To be accepted and received as posted and distributed.
 - 1.6. **Called to Order:** At 5:55 PM Kelly Selman, President called this meeting to order.
2. **Visitor's/Citizens Input:** None
3. **Action Items:**
 - 3.1. Approve Minutes from November 23, 2020 EDC Regular Meeting. Motion to Approve: Justin Minzenmayer. Seconded: Gwyn Jordan. Motion Carried: 3-0
 - 3.2. Approve November, 2020 Financial Report. Motion to Approve: Gwyn Jordan. Seconded: Justin Minzenmayer. Motion Carried: 3-0
 - 3.3. Approve December, 2020 Financial Report. Motion to Approve: Gwyn Jordan. Seconded: Justin Minzenmayer. Motion Carried: 3-0
Kelly Selman noted that if we stay around \$9,500 per month in Revenues, we will maintain the EDC Budget for the year.
4. **Action Items: BUSINESS OF MEETING**
 - 4.1. Discuss and consider Tx CDBG Grant that will be utilized for a downtown revitalization program. Mayor Tona Shiplet presented information on the grant and the grant amount of a maximum \$350,000 with a 15% match. This grant is for the Downtown Revitalization Program and will be used to improve or install sidewalks in the downtown area. This is considered the first step in consideration of the grant. After listening to what Mayor Shiplet had to say it was determined that EDC does not have an interest in this sidewalk grant until further information can be provided that includes scope of work and why it is being done. Question from Kelly Selman, is this going to be a good investment considering the building vacancies in the downtown area. Kelly Selman suggested that this item be tabled. Motion to Table: Gwyn Jordan. Seconded: Justin Minzenmayer. Motion Carried: 3-0.
 - 4.2. Discuss and consider a contribution to the cost of repairing the roof top at City Hall. Mayor Tona Shiplet presented information on extent of repairs that needed to the City Hall including entire new roof top. EDC question to Mayor is why the city is asking EDC to help pay for this cost when it is considered pure maintenance and should be covered in the City Budget. Mayor Shiplet mentioned the building may be considered for tear down with the extensive repairs needed to the rooftop, HVAC, walls and rewiring needed. Kelly Selman suggested this item will be tabled until an actual cost of repairs is available. Motion to Table: Justin Minzenmayer. Seconded: Gwyn Jordan. Motioned Carried: 3-0.
 - 4.3. Discuss and Take Action on Board Member replacement candidate(s) for Mark Kline. Marvin Arterberry expressed an interest in joining the board and will be appointed to the EDC Board to finish out the term for Mark Kline. Erick Elwell was also suggested as an alternate candidate for the EDC Board, he will remain on the list if additional replacements are needed. Motion to Approve: Gwyn Jordan. Seconded: Justin Minzenmayer. Motion Carried: 3-0.
 - 4.4. Discuss and take action regarding CD at Bancorp South. This CD will not be renewed at this time. Funds will be reinvested after additional information is received. No Action Taken.
5. **Informational Reports:** (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:
 - 5.1.1. Justin Minzenmayer has been contacting manufacturing companies with ties to Texas to see if he can get an interest from companies to move their businesses to Whitewright.
 - 5.1.2. Mayor Tona Shiplet let us know that a Domino's Pizza will open up East of Spring Market in the empty lot.
 - 5.1.3. Concerns where expressed over poor roads conditions, water availability and utilities issues.
 - 5.1.4. Updates needed on new City website.
6. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned by Kelly Selman, President at 6:30 PM. Motioned to Adjourn: Justin Minzenmayer. Seconded: Gwyn Jordan. Motion Carried: 3-0.

DATED THIS THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.


Kelly Selman, President


Olivia F. Hutchison, Administrative Assistant