

Economic Development Commission
February 9, 2021

A meeting of the Economic Development Commission was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the City Council Conference Room, 401 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Dr. Mackey Morgan, President
Mary Lou Shipley, Mayor Pro Tem
Rick Keeler, Vice President

Member Absent: David Hill, Mayor
Rhyan Phillips

Ex-officio
Member Present: Michael Scott, City Manager

Ex-officio
Members Absent: Dr. Bonny Cain, WISD Superintendent
WISD Board Trustee

Others Present: Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Lori Cartwright, City Secretary
Warren Kettelman, Senior Economic Development Director
Kassandra Carroll, Economic Development Coordinator

1. Call to Order

President Dr. Mackey Morgan called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Approve minutes of the Economic Development Commission meeting of September 30, 2020

Action:

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Lou Shipley moved to approve the minutes of the Economic Development Commission meeting of September 30, 2020. Vice President Rick Keeler seconded, All Ayes.

4. Consideration of tax resolution amending the guidelines and criteria (policy) for governing Economic Development Incentives

Senior Economic Development Director Warren Kettelman reviewed amendments to the policy including the removal of verbiage referencing other taxing entities within Ellis County, amendment of a definition, references to specific City staff and other changes to language to allow for procedures that are more cohesive and to reflect a new state law.

Discussion was held pertaining to item (1) of the Criteria for Economic Development Incentives. It was the consensus of the Commission to make the following changes:

From: *The proposed development, redevelopment, expansion and/or modernization must add or retain at least ten (10) full time employees. If the project involves leased facilities, then either the owner or lessee must meet the job commitment.*

To: *For new development, the project must add and retain at least ten (10) permanent employees. For existing companies, the development, redevelopment or expansion must employ at least 10 permanent employees as a result of the proposed development. If project involves leased facilities, then either the owner or lessee must meet the job commitment; and*

Action:

*After further review and minor changes, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Lou Shipley moved to approve a resolution amending the guidelines and criteria (policy) for governing Economic Development Incentives as amended. Vice President Rick Keeler seconded, **All Ayes.***

5. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary