

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1
May 16, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 was held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: David Hill, Chairman
Coy Sevier
Brad Yates
Mike Lee
Jane Vineyard
Dusty Autrey

Member Absent: Jason Smith, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of minutes of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 meeting of April 8, 2019

Action:

Mr. Mike Lee moved to approve the minutes of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 meeting of April 8, 2019. Mr. Dusty Autrey seconded, All Ayes.

3. Consider funding for Downtown Wi-Fi Security System

Downtown Development Director Anita Brown explained the Waxahachie Partnership, Inc. board identified increasing communication and safety downtown as one of their goals this year due to the recent vandalism and unwelcomed activities occurring downtown. The city's technology managed services provider, Unified Connexions, was tasked to develop a program to address increased lighting, WiFi, and security cameras downtown. The proposal is supported by Waxahachie Partnership, Inc. and the Downtown Merchants Association.

Mr. Chuck Allsup, Unified Connexions, presented the proposal for Phase 1 which includes ten wireless mesh access points and six sleds with security cameras placed in strategic locations downtown. Mr. Allsup explained the sleds are not physically or visibly invasive and will not penetrate the buildings where they are installed. The sleds are portable and can be moved as needed.

The board inquired about aerial coverage, ongoing maintenance, lighting, benefits, additional staffing, additional bids received, and life cycle of the cameras.

Mr. Allsup explained the cameras will operate 24/7 and feed back to the Police Department. The cameras can be adjusted to monitor areas of concern and lighting will be addressed once the cameras are installed. Ongoing maintenance will be provided by Unified Connexions as they are

the city's technology manager. Cameras can be upgraded to match specific needs and the replaced cameras can be utilized at another location. Additional bids for equipment were sought; however, there was not a product to meet the objectives so Unified Connexions designed a unique solution for implementation.

Action:

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Coy Sevier moved to approve \$123,250.00 for Downtown WiFi Security System as presented. Mr. Dusty Autrey seconded, the vote was as follows: Ayes: David Hill, Coy Sevier, Mike Lee, Jane Vineyard, and Dusty Autrey. Noes: Brad Yates.

The motion carried.

4. Convene into Executive Session for deliberation regarding real property as permitted under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code

Chairman Hill announced at 3:53 p.m. the Board would convene into Executive Session for deliberation regarding real property as permitted under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

5. Reconvene and take any necessary action

The meeting reconvened at 4:11 p.m.

Action:

Mr. Dusty Autrey moved to approve the purchase of 400 Cantrell Street for the purchase price up to \$90,000.00, plus closing costs, with TIRZ contributing 50%. Mr. Coy Sevier seconded, All Ayes.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Dusty Autrey moved the meeting adjourn at 4:13 p.m. Mr. Mike Lee seconded, All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary