

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation
October 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 401 South Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: Daniel Morton, President
Bob Lynn, Vice President
David Hill, Mayor
Michael Scott, City Manager
Judy Demoney
Elizabeth Tull
Dave McSpadden

Ex-Officio
Member Present: Sandy King, President/CEO Chamber of Commerce

Ex-Officio
Members Absent: Lori Cartwright, City Secretary
Charles Harris, Director of Finance

Others Present: Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary
Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau
April Ortiz, Civic Center Director
James Villarreal, Assistant Parks Director
Chris Seale, Horticulturist

1. Call to Order

President Dan Morton called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Reorganize the Board

Action:

Mayor David Hill nominated Mr. Dan Morton as President. Mr. Bob Lynn seconded, All Ayes.

Mr. Dan Morton nominated Mr. Bob Lynn as Vice President. Mr. Dave McSpadden seconded, All Ayes.

4. Approval of minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of August 20, 2019

Action:

Mayor David Hill moved to approve minutes of the WCDC meeting of August 20, 2019. Mr. Dave McSpadden seconded, All Ayes.

5. Consider grant request by Brian Lance for Optimist Club swimming pool remodel

Mr. Bryan Johnson presented a grant request for Optimist Club swimming pool remodel in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Johnson reviewed the total cost for renovations is about \$335,000 and currently \$135,000 has been raised to redo the plaster, fencing, electrical, and lighting. The goal is to secure enough funding to finish the project with additional parking and redoing the basketball area. Mr. Johnson explained the pool is utilized in the summer by people of all ages and the city fire department uses the pool for underwater rescue training.

Ms. Elizabeth Tull noted the adoption board hosted their end of summer party there and it was great and voiced her support for improving the pool.

Action:

President Dan Morton moved to approve \$25,000 contribution to Optimist Pool for improvements to swimming pool. Mr. Dave McSpadden moved to amend the motion to add contingent upon approval by the City Attorney.

President Dan Morton amended his motion to approve \$25,000 contribution to Optimist Pool for improvements to swimming pool contingent upon approval by the City Attorney. Mr. Dave McSpadden seconded, All Ayes.

6. Hear update of activities from Convention & Visitors Bureau Director and update on the Railyard Park

Ms. Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau, noted there were a 1,000+ C10 trucks from all around the United States for C10s in the Park in September. She explained Antique Alley, Vintage Market Days, Odd Fest, NHRA Fall Nationals, and the Texas Country Reporter Festival will continue throughout the month of October. She noted Texas Country Reporter featured a 30 minute segment on the upcoming festival in Downtown Waxahachie. Ms. Mosley explained the Waxahachie CVB is working with the Texas Music Office to host a “Music Friendly Community” workshop at the Waxahachie Civic Center on Wednesday, November 6 from 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Albert Lawrence reported Railyard Park (amphitheater) was anticipated to be completed in mid-October; however, there have been some delays with rain and engineering modifications to the drive behind the amphitheater. He noted the completion is tentative for mid-November and a large grand opening will be held in late March 2020.

7. Hear update of activities at the Civic Center

Ms. April Ortiz, Civic Center Director, reported August had 51 booked events, September had 63 booked events, and October has 49 booked events. She invited everyone to attend the Ellis County Veterans Appreciation Ceremony on November 9th at 10:00 a.m. and the WX Leaders Summit on Wednesday, November 13th at 1:00 p.m. She explained the stage lighting upgrade work is scheduled and additional drone building photos will be taken once the landscaping is complete.

8. Hear update of Community Beautification

Mr. Chris Seale, Horticulturist, reported the following projects have been completed: Oaklawn Park irrigation for future landscape and trees has been installed and tested, 18,000 spring bulb order has been placed for planting in various areas, Chapman Estates entry feature landscape, and fall decorations including pumpkins and hay bales are now displayed.

9. Hear update of activities at the Sports Complex

Mr. James Villarreal, Assistant Parks Director, reviewed the October tournaments, leagues and provided an update to the following projects:

- Parking Lot Phase II has been completed. Final walk-thru will be on Friday 10/4.
- Volleyball courts construction and lights have been completed. Irrigation is being installed surrounding the courts.
- Small soccer field sprigging grass is complete and games are being played on.
- New Playground Proposals are being sought.
- John Deere Bunker Rake proposals are being sought.
- Parking Lot Phase III initial meeting has taken place.

10. Adjourn

President Morton thanked staff for the progress and beautification enhancements to city facilities and elevating the standard of living in Waxahachie. He noted it is a pleasure, as a board member, to provide staff with the tools and money needed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary