

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation
October 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation (WCDC) was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent: David McSpadden

Ex-Officio Lori Cartwright, City Secretary
Members Present: Sandy King, President/CEO Chamber of Commerce

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Member Absent: Chad Tustison, Director of Finance

Others Present: Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau
April Ortiz, Civic Center Director
James Villarreal, Assistant Director Sports Complex
Chris Seale, Horticulturist

1. Call to Order

President Dan Morton called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments

Director of Economic Development Warren Kettelman reported he has visited with numerous businesses around town and several are hiring now and in the near future. He reported Walgreens is looking to hire 100 people and Dart Container is looking to hire 93 people. He stated Waxahachie has no closures in the restaurant businesses due to COVID.

President/CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Sandy King stated the temporary agency called and is looking to fill open positions.

City Manager Michael Scott reported on sales tax numbers noting August sales tax was 11.5% over the same period a year ago. He explained a month ago, if given the same report, we are approximately 19% and are out pacing our revised budget numbers as we are coming down the wire on our fiscal year. Mr. Scott stated we recovered a lot faster than what we anticipated.

3. Reorganize the Board

Action:

City Manager Michael Scott nominated Mr. Dan Morton as President and Mr. Bob Lynn as Vice President. Mayor David Hill seconded, All Ayes.

4. Approval of minutes of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation meeting of September 8, 2020

Action:

Mayor David Hill moved to approve minutes of the WCDC meeting of September 8, 2020. Ms. Elizabeth Tull seconded, All Ayes.

5. Hear update of activities from Convention & Visitors Bureau Director

Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau Laurie Mosley presented her report. She reviewed the following upcoming events to include:

- Texas Country Reporter Festival Virtual Market will be online the entire month of October
- NHRA Fall Nationals – October 14-18, Texas Motorplex
- Ellis County Livestock Show & Rodeo – October 22-24, Ellis County Expo Center
- Trick or Treat on the Square – October 29, participating downtown merchants
- WHS Homecoming Weekend – October 30-31

6. Hear update of activities at the Civic Center

Civic Center Director April Ortiz presented her report noting she is continuing to follow the CDC recommended health protocols and the standard health protocol checklist provided on Governor's Abbott Open Texas website. She reported October has 21 events booked and 10 events are booked for November. She reported the Ellis County Veterans Ceremony slated for November 14 will be an abbreviated program this year outside by the memorial and will end with a gun salute and a fly over.

7. Hear update of Community Beautification

Horticulturist Chris Seale reviewed fall displays and color change outs. He reported current projects include irrigation and landscaping at the South East Parking Lot and irrigation and tree planting at Chapman Park.

8. Hear update of activities at the Sports Complex

Sports Complex Assistant Director James Villarreal reported October is booked with nine (9) tournaments and/or individual games. He stated leagues are booked to playing weekly. He highlighted the Keepers of the Peace First Responder National Slow Pitch tournament noting the 31 teams came across the United States to play at the Sports Complex when they usually play in Las Vegas. He stated the tournament was very successful and the teams spoke of returning next year. He reported Synthetic Turf Improvements Project Phase I sealed bids will be received and opened on November 3, 2020.

9. Discuss and consider site preparation of 1601 W. Highway 287, Waxahachie, TX 75165 for future economic development opportunities

Assistant City Manager Albert Lawrence presented a \$322,525 quote from J&K Excavation, LLC for site preparation of 1601 W. Highway 287. He noted the site will also need to be seeded for re-vegetation which is not part of the quote. He recommended WCDC approve the project at an expense not to exceed \$350,000. Mr. Lawrence stated the proposed \$350,000 expenditure would be funded out of the WCDC unrestricted reserve balance and not the General Fund. He stated the WCDC has a sufficient fund balance to cover the expenditure.

Action:

Ms. Judy Demoney moved to approve as presented. Vice President Bob Lynn seconded, All Ayes.

10. Adjourn

Vice President Bob Lynn suggested the WCDC meet every two months instead of monthly. City Manager Michael Scott stated the WCDC can consider the option at their next meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor David Hill moved the meeting adjourn at 4:06 p.m. Ms. Judy Demoney seconded, All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cartwright
City Secretary