

MINUTES
WATAUGA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
JUNE 18, 2019
6:00 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Art Miner, President, Place 1
Pete Beierschmitt, Vice-President, Place 7
Becky Hartless, Secretary, Place 4
Jan Hill, Place 3

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Joy Longerbeam, Place 5

With City Staff Present:

Andrea Gardner, City Manager
Sandra Gibson, Finance Director
Sal Torres, Parks & Community Services Director
Paul Hackleman, Public Works Director
Denise Wilkinson, Economic Development Specialist

CALL TO ORDER:

President Miner called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and discussion on a business attraction economic development project proposal
Mrs. Rushelle Wetzel, Smiley Transportation, gave an overview of the company's history and their consideration of the City of Watauga as their new corporate office.
2. Presentation of Certificate of Congratulations for 15 Years of Business Service to James Wood Neighborhood Autos. A representative of James Wood Neighborhood Autos was not present, recognition was made by the Board of Directors.
3. Presentation of Certificate of Congratulations for 15 Years of Business Service to Next Century Dental. A representative of Next Century Dental was not present, recognition was made by the Board of Directors.
4. Presentation of Certificate of Congratulations for 15 Years of Business Service to

Shiver Shack. A representative of Shiver Shack was not present, recognition was made by the Board of Directors.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

1. Monthly Financial Report for May 2019
Ms. Gibson presented the May 2019 Financial Report.
2. Receive results of the survey for the 1st Annual Watauga Business Expo and Fair
Ms. Wilkinson presented the results of the survey.
3. Report on legal services for the City and WEDC
Ms. Gardner gave a report on current and interim legal services due to resignation of City Attorney, Mark Daniel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2019

Mr. Beierschmitt made a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 as presented. Ms. Hill seconded the motion with all members present voting aye.

AYES: Beierschmitt, Hartless, Hill
NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conduct a Public Hearing in support of an economic development grant agreement to provide funding to support costs for a splashpad park facility improvement project

Mr. Torres and Mr. Hackleman gave a presentation of the project. President Miner opened the public hearing at 6:31 PM. Receiving no public input, the public hearing was closed at 6:31PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation and discussion on the Proposed Economic Development Corporation Budget for FY 2019-2020

Ms. Gibson gave an overview of the proposed budget and asked if the Board had any recommendations or changes to the proposal.

2. Consideration and possible action on a Resolution approving a City of Watauga Economic Development Grant Agreement with the City of Watauga to provide funding to support costs for a splashpad as a park facility improvement project
Ms. Gibson gave a presentation of the CO funding of the project and the

payment schedule. Ms. Gibson stated that funding to support the costs are included in the proposed budget. Ms. Hartless motioned, Ms. Hill seconded to approve a Resolution to support costs for the splashpad as a park facility improvement project. The motion carried by a vote of 2 to 1 with following vote:

AYES: Hartless, Hill
NAYS: Beierschmitt

3. Consideration and action on setting a public hearing to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Economic Development Corporation Budget during the regular meeting scheduled for July 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Ms. Hill motioned, Mr. Beierschmitt seconded to set July 16, 2019 as the public hearing date for the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Economic Development Corporation Budget. The motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Beierschmitt, Hartless, Hill
NAYS: None

4. Consideration and action on setting the date of July 16, 2019 immediately following the Public Hearing at 6:00PM to adopt the proposed FY 2019-2020 Watauga Economic Development Corporation Budget
Mr. Beierschmitt motioned to set the date of July 16, 2019 to adopt the proposed FY 2019-2020 Watauga Economic development Corporation Budget immediately following the public hearing. Ms. Hartless seconded and the motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Beierschmitt, Hartless, Hill
NAYS: None

5. Discuss possible meeting dates for the Economic Development Strategic Plan Update.
Ms. Gardner asked for potential dates to start this process in August and asked the Board if they would like to meet immediately after the regular August meeting, or on a different night. The Board concluded to meet immediately after the regular meeting in August.
6. Consideration and action on approving the WEDC Bylaws for recommended approval to the City Council
Ms. Gardner reported the City Council rejected the amendment proposed by the Board and asked if they would consider sending their recommended bylaws to Council as originally proposed. Mr. Beierschmitt stated that the previous vote was their recommendation and if the City Council wanted to change their recommendation they can do so. Discussion was held. Ms. Hartless motioned to approve the WEDC Bylaws as amended by the City Council. Ms. Hill seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 2 to 1 with the following vote:

AYES: Hartless, Hill
NAYS: Beierschmitt

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087, the WEDC Board of Directors will convene in Executive Session to deliberate an economic development proposal from Smiley Transportation.
President Miner convened the meeting at 7:02PM.
President Miner re-convened the meeting at 7:35PM and announced no action will be taken

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family 4th event on July 4th in Haltom City.
Alzheimers Walk this weekend on June 20, 2019 at Capp Smith Park.
Proclamation for PTSD Awareness at Veterans Memorial on June 27, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, President Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

APPROVED: this the 16th day of July 2019.

SIGNED: this the 16th day of July 2019.

APPROVED: Arthur L. Miner /s/
Art Miner, President

ATTEST: Becky Hartless /s/
Secretary