MINUTES
WATAUGA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 , 2024
7105 WHITLEY ROAD, WATAUGA, TEXAS 76148
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President, Miner called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Arthur L. Miner	Place 1, President
Calvin Lewis	Place 2, Director
Jan Hill	Place 3, Secretary
Malissa Minucci	Place 4, Vice President-absent with notice
Stephen Welch	Place 5, Director
Brian Downey	Place 6, Director
Macy Forrester	Place 7, Director

Others present include:

Timothy Hamilton	Parks and Recreation Director
Lorenza Zavala	Economic Development Specialist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Miner announced the Splashpad will run until the end of September and will be closed until next year.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Presentation of a proclamation to Jersey Mike's Subs in recognition of their 15 year milestone anniversary.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests to speak were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests to speak were received.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2024, Watauga Economic Development Corporation Meeting.**

2. **Consider the approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2024.**

   Secretary Jan Hill made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented.
   Second the motion: Director Calvin Lewis

   Motion Passed 5-0-0

   Ayes: Calvin Lewis, Jan Hill, Stephen Welch, Brian Downey, Macy Forrester
   Nays: None
   Absent: Malissa Minucci
   Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION

1. **Public hearing to receive comments for or against the Corporation's funding of the Splashpad Filtration Upgrade Project in the amount of $100,000. The project involves upgrading the water filtration system at the Splashpad at Capp Smith Park and includes City matching funding.**

   Director Hamilton went over the previously presented filtration system for the new board members who have not heard about this upgrade.

   Splashpad sanitation upgrade project timeline shows it has gone through the correct channels of approval but is still required to have an opportunity for the public to weigh in on this project.

   Estimated total cost would be $200,000 with the WEDC paying half. This upgrade will give the Splashpad a single pass 99.9% reduction of the Cryptosporidium using the UV system. This will also be needed to eliminate the deadly Naegleria fowleri ameba that has caused deaths in other cities.

   President Miner opened the Public Hearings at 6:45 pm.
   No one wished to speak, Public Hearing is closed at 6:46pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discuss and consider action to approve the Splashpad Filtration Upgrade Project funding in the amount of $100,000.**

   Secretary Jan Hill makes a motion to approve the item as presented.
   Second the Motion: Director Downey

   Motion Passed: 5-0-0

   Ayes: Calvin Lewis, Jan Hill, Stephen Welch, Brian Downey, Macy Forrester
   Nays: None
   Absent: Malissa Minucci
   Abstain: None

2. **Discuss and consider action to recommend to the City Council that permit fees for temporary signage be waived for new businesses for a specified timeframe.**

President Miner wanted to present this item to the board to help new businesses and show our support by waiving the permit fees for temporary signage. The timeframe is up for discussion. Six months to a year?
Temporary sign fee is $130.

Secretary Hill makes a motion to recommend to council that we waive the fees for temporary signs for new businesses from the opening date of their business, for six months.
Second the Motion: Director Downey

Motion Passed: 5-0-0

Ayes: Calvin Lewis, Jan Hill, Stephen Welch, Brian Downey, Macy Forrester
Nays: None
Absent: Malissa Minucci
Abstain: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION
There was no executive session.

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ITEMS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATION

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
President Miner welcomed new board members and Ms. Zavala for her promotion to Economic Development Specialist.
President Miner would like an update/presentation on where we are at for the proposed Food Truck Park.

ADJOURNMENT
President Miner adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED: **this** 19th **day of** November**, 2024.**

SIGNED: **this** 19th **day of** November**, 2024.**

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner /s/

Arthur L. Miner, President

ATTEST:

J. Hill /s/

Jan Hill, Secretary

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