

**ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

President Montgomery called a regular meeting of the Ennis Economic Development Corporation to order on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 4:15 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers of Ennis City Hall, 115 W. Brown Street, Ennis Texas 75119.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Agenda items by-passed due to time constraint.

ROLL CALL

Economic Development Administrative Assistant Rhonda Winters called roll; a quorum was present to wit:

Directors Present: Mike Montgomery, Jess Haupt, Angie Juenemann, Russell Thomas

Directors Absent: Tom Abram, Betty Glaspy, Phil Newsom

Staff Present: Marty Nelson, Rhonda Winters, Scott Dixon, Angie Wade

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION

1. Discuss and consider the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting.
 - a. Motion by Juenemann, 2nd by Thomas approving the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting.
 - i. 4 Ayes
2. Citizens request to address the Board
 - a. No one spoke.
3. Finance Review
 - a. Current finance update
 - i. The current budget and finances were presented by Mr. Nelson.
 - b. FY 19/20 Budget review
 - i. Draft budget presented by Mr. Nelson.
4. Lease of a copier/scanner
 - a. Presented monthly lease agreement to provide a copier/scanner for the Economic Development Dept.
5. Project Splash Pad
 - a. Quality of Life project authorized by LGC 505.152 "Projects related to recreational and community facilities".
 - b. Project cost is \$600-800,000 (EDC grant proposed \$150,000).

6. Economic Development update

- a. Communications and Marketing update (Agenda Item by-passed due to time constraint)
 - i. Web site update
 - ii. Movies in the park
 - iii. ASLA Award (MESA – Dallas St.)
 - iv. Spirit Shop
- b. Tourism update (Agenda item by-passed due to time constraint)
 - i. Bluebonnet Trails update
 - ii. Bluebonnet Seeding update
- c. Kaufman Development District update
 - i. Façade grant for 305 N Kaufman
 - 1. \$25,000 project qualifying for a \$7,500 grant.
 - ii. Façade grant for 3101 N Kaufman
 - 1. \$46,000 project qualifying for a \$7,500 grant.
- d. Downtown Development update
 - i. Garbage collection system
 - 1. No update given
 - ii. Façade grant close-out for 112 W. Knox
 - 1. \$29,000 project qualifying for a \$7,500 grant.
- e. Industrial Development update
 - i. Project Benoit
 - 1. Discussed funding an EDC grant to assist with the project.
 - ii. Project Columbia grant close-out
 - 1. \$7 million project, qualifying for a \$35,153.50 grant.
 - iii. Project Price Distributing grant close-out
 - 1. \$8 million project, qualifying for a \$75,000 grant.

7. Executive Session authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Local Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations.

- a. Montgomery read the announcement from the Certified Agenda regarding the subject of the Executive Session, and convened the Executive Session at 4:25pm.
- b. LGC 551.087 –Economic Development negotiations
 - i. Project Snoopy

8. Reconvene into Open Session

- a. Montgomery read the announcement from the Certified Agenda regarding the completion of the Executive Session, and reconvened into Open Meeting at 4:37pm.

ACTIONS

- 1. Discuss and consider authorizing a lease for a copier/scanner.
 - a. Motion by Thomas, 2nd by Haupt authorizing a lease for a copier/scanner.
 - i. 4 Ayes

2. Discuss and consider authorizing the Director to initiate Project Splash Pad in an amount of \$150,000.
 - a. Motion by Haupt, 2nd by Juenemann authorizing the Director to initiate Project Splash Pad in an amount of \$150,000.
 - i. 4 Ayes
3. Discuss and consider approving a façade grant for 305 N Kaufman in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.
 - a. Motion by Juenemann, 2nd by Haupt approving a façade grant for 305 N Kaufman in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.
 - i. 4 Ayes
4. Discuss and consider approving a façade grant for 3101 N Kaufman in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.
 - a. Motion by Juenemann, 2nd by Thomas approving a façade grant for 3101 N Kaufman in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.
 - i. 4 Ayes
5. Discuss and consider approving a façade grant close-out for 112 W. Knox in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.
 - a. Motion by Thomas, 2nd by Juenemann approving a façade grant close-out for 112 W. Knox in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.
 - i. 4 Ayes
6. Discuss and consider approving a grant close-out and payment to Project Price Distributing in an amount of \$75,000.
 - a. Motion by Thomas, 2nd by Haupt approving a grant close-out and payment to Project Price Distributing in an amount of \$75,000.
 - i. 4 Ayes
7. Discuss and consider approving a grant close-out and payment to Project Columbia in an amount of \$35,153.50.
 - a. Motion by Haupt, 2nd by Thomas approving a grant close-out and payment to Project Columbia in an amount of \$35,153.50.
 - i. 4 Ayes
8. Conduct a public hearing to consider taking action upon Project Benoit. Project Benoit, a specialty metal fabrication company, to be located in the Southgate 460 industrial park. The amount being considered to fund the project is \$50,000.
 - a. Public hearing opened, no comment, public hearing closed.
9. Discuss and consider approving Project Benoit, providing \$50,000 to fund the project and authorizing the President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action.
 - a. Motion by Juenemann, 2nd by Haupt approving Project Benoit, providing \$50,000 to fund the project and authorizing the President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action.
 - i. 4 Ayes

10. Conduct a public hearing to consider taking action upon Project Snoopy and amending the Ennis Economic Development Corporations budget to provide \$250,000 to fund the project.
 - a. Public hearing opened, no comment, public hearing closed.

11. Discuss and consider approving Project Snoopy, amending the Ennis Economic Development Corporations budget to provide \$250,000 to fund the project, and authorizing the President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action.
 - a. Motion by Thomas, 2nd by Juenemann approving Project Snoopy, amending the Ennis Economic Development Corporations budget to provide \$250,000 to fund the project, and authorizing the President to execute any and all documents required to complete the action.
 - i. 4 Ayes

12. Discuss and consider authorizing a professional services agreement with Traylor and Associates for Project Snoopy.
 - a. Motion by Haupt, 2nd by Juenemann authorizing a professional services agreement with Traylor and Associates for Project Snoopy.
 - i. 4 Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Economic Development Corp. Board, President Montgomery declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.



RUSSELL R. THOMAS
Secretary