

MINUTES
ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER
CITY HALL, 115 W. BROWN
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017
4:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order (4:05 Pm CST)
2. Roll Call
 - a. Board Members Present: Thomas, Abram, Glaspy, Montgomery, Juenemann, Haupt
 - b. Staff Present: Nelson, Dixon, Wade, Colunga, Winters, Rokas, McCarty
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Invocation offered by Mr. Nelson.
4. Consider approving the minutes of June 13, 2017.
 - a. Motion by Thomas; 2nd by Juenemann to approve the minutes of June 13, 2017.
 - i. 6 Ayes
5. Citizens Request for Public Hearing
 - a. No citizen addressed the Board.
6. Finance Review
 - a. The current budget and finances were presented by Mr. Nelson.
7. Economic Development update
 - a. Communications and Marketing update
 - i. Chandler Thinks is completing phase 1 of the branding campaign.
 - ii. A survey is being drafted that will be sent out via a link through social media, Ennis Y'all app, etc. to citizens as well as visitors.
 - b. Tourism update
 - i. Local hotels received overflow reservations from the National Softball Tournament that was recently held in Waxahachie.
 - ii. Working on upcoming events for the Fall.
 - c. Main Street update
 - i. Freedom Fest
 1. Well attended event.
 2. 100 participants in the bike parade.
 - ii. Ennis Autumn Daze
 1. Will be a fundraiser for Main Street.
 2. To be held October 21st from 9-3.
 3. Pursuing sponsorships for the event.
 - iii. Pre-Stage Fan Fest
 1. To be held October 13th from 5-9.

- iv. The Southern Region Alzheimer's Walk as well as the Emergency Preparedness Fair, and the Ennis Public Theatre fundraiser will be held downtown on September 30th.
- d. Industrial Development update
 - i. Project Price Distributing
 - 1. Closing date will be set once soil test results are received.
 - ii. Bautech
 - 1. In the process of incentive negotiations with their consultant.
 - iii. Citadel
 - 1. In the process of incentive negotiations.
 - 2. Ennis is one of two final sites.
- e. Downtown Development update
 - i. Minnie McDowal Park
 - 1. Art wall has been installed.
 - 2. Boulders are in place and concrete installation will be completed.
 - 3. Trees have been chosen.
 - 4. Brick work will begin on the gazebo.
 - 5. The finish out for the restrooms is in completion.
 - ii. Historic Preservation Grants update
 - 1. Discuss and consider approving a grant close-out and final payment for 113 N Dallas.
 - I. Directors Juenemann & Glaspy stated they are on the Board for the Public Theatre (113 N Dallas) and excused themselves from the room. Neither were present or participated in the discussion or vote for this action.
 - II. Motion by Thomas, 2nd by Abram approving a grant close-out and final payment for 113 N Dallas in the amount of \$103,815.50.
 - a. 4 Ayes
 - III. After the vote Directors Juenemann & Glaspy returned into the room and re-joined the quorum.
 - iii. Façade Grants update
 - 1. Discuss and consider approving a façade grant for 1203 N Shawnee.
 - I. President Montgomery stated he is involved with the potential financing of this project and excused himself from the discussion and vote. The meeting was turned over to Thomas.
 - II. Motion by Juenemann, 2nd by Haupt approving a façade grant for 1203 N Shawnee in the amount of \$7,500.00.
 - a. 5 Ayes
 - III. After the vote President Montgomery re-joined the quorum.
- f. Commercial/Retail Development update
 - i. Flor construction has started work on the bypass.
 - ii. Schirm facility is under construction.
 - iii. Sysco property is being marketed for industrial development by JLL.
 - iv. Sun Holdings has property on I45 under contract for an Arbys and Popeyes.
- g. Residential Development update
 - i. Spyglass has installed plumbing and is starting to form the pad sites.

- h. Workforce Development update
 - i. No update available.

8. Actions:

- a. No actions taken

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm CST.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell R. Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RUSSELL R. THOMAS

Secretary