

MINUTES
ENNIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER
CITY HALL, 115 W. BROWN
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015
4:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Board Members Present: Abram, Haupt, Montgomery, Newsom, Jones, Thomas and Ventura
 - b. Members Absent:
 - c. Others Present: Nelson, Wilson, Batchler, Welch, Ewings and Greer Yeldell
3. Consider approving the minutes of 10 Feb 2015, 17 Feb 2015 and 24 Feb 2015
 - a. Motion by Mr. Thomas; second by Mr. Haupt to approve all minutes as presented.
 - b. Seven Ayes
4. New Business:
 - a. Finance Review
 - i. A new monthly finance report was presented and reviewed by City of Ennis Finance Director, Joel Welch
 - ii. Annual audit results and the annual financial report were presented by Mr. Greer Yeldell of Yeldell, Wilson & Co.
 1. Mr. Yeldell stated the EDC received the highest evaluation possible and also stated the EDC was in very good financial position.
 - b. Economic Development Update
 - i. Industrial Development
 1. Project Tellus Technology was reviewed
 2. Project Dakota Drilling was reviewed
 3. Project Lions Claw was reviewed
 4. Project Lions Gate was reviewed
 5. Project Wisenbaker was reviewed
 6. The pending sale of 44.7 acres to Polyguard was reviewed
 - ii. Downtown Development
 1. The purchase of 302 N. Dallas was reviewed
 2. The Downtown Master Plan initiative was reviewed
 3. Current Historic Preservation Grants were reviewed
 4. The Lake Group properties were identified and reviewed
 - iii. Commercial Development
 1. A potential neighborhood revitalization project was presented
 - iv. Retail Development
 1. A Retail Franchisee Seminar was presented

2. Project Westgate was reviewed
3. The Kaufman Revitalization District concept was reviewed
5. Consider approving the Façade Improvement Grant Program
 - a. Motion by Mr. Jones; second by Mr. Abram to approve the Façade Improvement Grant Program.
 - b. Seven Ayes
6. Consider approving the Kaufman Revitalization District concept
 - a. Motion by Mr. Ventura; second by Mr. Newsom to approve the Kaufman Revitalization concept.
 - b. Seven Ayes
7. Executive Session:
 - a. Mr. Montgomery read the announcement from the Certified Agenda regarding the subjects of the Executive Session and convened the Executive Session at 4:36Pm.
 - b. Executive Session authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Local Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551.087, Economic Development Deliberations and Chapter 551.072, Real Estate for Project EPIC.
 - c. Mr. Montgomery read the announcement from the Certified Agenda regarding the completion of the Executive Session.
 - d. Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in Open Meeting at 5:10Pm
8. Actions from Executive Session
 - a. No action was taken
9. Meeting adjourned at 5:11Pm CST.

RUSSELL R. THOMAS
Secretary

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