

Gun Barrel City
Economic Development Corporation
1720 W. Main Street
Gun Barrel City, Texas 75156
Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:00pm
Council Chambers
1716 W. Main Street
Gun Barrel City, Texas 75156

Minutes

1. Call to order/Establishment of Quorum – 5:02pm

Present: Joe Lawrence
Ken Foster
Susan Ball
Brandi Collard
Diane Johannes
Ron Wyrick
Joe Kyle

Also in attendance: Josh Smith

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Joe Lawrence

3. Citizen's Comments: none

4. Adoption of Minutes from March Meeting and April 6, 2021 Joint Special Meeting: Moved by Diane Johannes and seconded by Ken Foster. Motion passed.

5. Adoption of February Financials: Moved by Susan Ball and seconded by Joe Kyle. Motion passed.

6. Adoption of March Financials: Moved by Diane Johannes and seconded by Brandi Collard. Motion failed two to five (Ron Wyrick said, since he arrived late, he would abstain. This means his vote is counted as no). Motion to table was made by Susan Ball and seconded by Joe Kyle. Motion passed five to two (in this case Ron Wyrick voted yes). ED stated that City Council will want to know why. Susan Ball said she had not had a chance to review them due to a conflict.

7. Brief update of activities by Executive Director: Ms. Cooper stated that there's lots of activity and it is an exciting time to be the Executive Director at the Gun Barrel City EDC. She said that all of this agenda's projects and expenses have been included in the Amended Budget to be discussed in this meeting later tonight. She also announced that we have had a clean audit and that is something to be proud of.

8. Update on Bylaws Status: Ms. Cooper stated that the Bylaws are in transition. However, if the Board wants her to take them to the City Council, she stated that she will. Ken Foster then stated that he is making a formal request that the ED take these Board Approved Bylaws to the City Council for approval. Gayle agreed to put them on the April 27, 2021 City Council Agenda.

9. Update on Governance Committee Status: Joe Lawrence stated that he is removing the word Governance and calling it Bylaws Review Committee. He then stated that he is dissolving all committees except the Bylaws Review Committee. After the Bylaws are approved by City Council, the Bylaws Review Committee will also be dissolved.
10. Discuss/Take Action on moving \$500,000.00 from TexSTAR to Southside Bank in order to earn more interest: Moved by Diane Johannes and seconded by Brandi Collard. Motion failed by a vote of 5 to 2. Joe Kyle said "I make a motion we table this item for further research and updated Signatories including having Susan Ball, our Treasurer, become the Primary Signatory along with Board Officers after the City Council Election as our Board Officers will change. Susan Ball seconded. Motion passed.
11. Discuss/Take Action to adopt Budget Amendments per attached: Ron Wyrick moved to Discuss and Ken Foster seconded. Ron Wyrick requested a workshop to better understand the numbers. Diane Johannes expressed desire to continue to invest more in our local businesses, not less. She said that this year was nearly impossible to budget for, so amendments are to be expected. She also stated that we should come to meetings prepared and have our questions answered before the meeting. Joe Kyle said "I make a motion to Table this updated Budget Amendment to rework it with our Treasurer and freeze any new expenses of the 10 line items found on March P&L statement now overspent until the City Council Approves an updated Budget." The 10 items are:
 - Telephone/Internet
 - Big Chief Landing
 - Façade Grants
 - Software
 - Legal Fees
 - Office Supplies
 - Dues/Misc.
 - Advertising
 - Misc.
 - Website

Motion was seconded by Ken Foster. Diane Johannes asked if we are tabling this because Susan did not go over the budget and stated that it is disrespectful of other's time when Board members come to the meeting without getting their responsibilities taken care of. Motion to table passed 4 to 3.

12. Discuss/Take Action on a \$500 advertisement in program for World Piano Man event at Athens Country Club (Due April 23, 2021): Diane Johannes moved to Table and Brandi Collard seconded. Motion passed.
13. Discuss/Take Action on Farmer's Market Sponsorship of \$1000: Brandi Collard moved to Table and Ron Wyrick seconded. Motion passed.
14. Discuss/Take Action on New Website: Presentation by Diane Johannes and Gayle Cooper: Joe Kyle moved to proceed with the development of this website and Brandi Collard seconded. Joe Kyle asked if Diane Johannes had confirmed that this would not be a conflict with the city's website and Diane stated that she had confirmed. It will not be a problem. Motion passed unanimously.

Board took a break at 7:15pm and reconvened at 7:22pm.

Joe Kyle moved to Table items 15, 16 and 17 and Ron Wyrick seconded. Motion passed

15. Discuss/Take Action on Redevelopment Grant for Lance Popham of Cedar Creek Clinic in the amount of \$25,000.00: Tabled
16. Discuss/Take Action on Redevelopment Grant for Farm Bureau Insurance for \$25,000.00: Tabled
17. Discuss/Take Action on Redevelopment Grant for Heart Masters for \$25,000.00: Tabled
18. Discuss/Take Action on time extension for Redevelopment Grant for Lakeside Animal Clinic: Diane Johannes moved to extend the deadline by 6 months and Brandi Collard seconded. Motion passed.
19. Adjourn to Executive Session: Ron Wyrick moved to Table and Joe Kyle seconded. Motion passed.
 - Deliberations on Economic Development Negotiations (551.087): Tabled
 - Deliberations on Real Property (551.072): Tabled
20. Reconvene into General Session:
 - Take Action on items from Executive Session: none
21. Discuss/Take Action on increasing the loan amount at Southside Bank (amount TBD with Motion): Diane moved to Table and Ron Wyrick seconded. Motion passed.
22. Adjourn: Ron Wyrick moved to adjourn and Ken Foster seconded. Adjourn at 7:26pm.

Prepared by:



Robin Sykora, Executive Assistant

Attest:



Brandi Collard, Secretary