

GUN BARREL CITY
Economic Development Corporation
1720 W. MAIN STREET
GUN BARREL CITY, TX 75156
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

5:00 PM via ZOOM Platform
Gun Barrel City 75156

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum took place at 5:05 PM.

Present: Joe Lawrence

Ken Foster

Joe Kyle

Brandi Marett

Susan Ball

Ron Wyrick

Diane Johannes

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – N/A due to teleconference platform
3. Open Public Hearing – (for Public Hearing published on Feb. 6, 2021 regarding the approved projects listed therein) GBC EDC is expending the following monies: \$25,000.00 to S&S Shop, \$3226.00 to Parks Construction, \$25,000.00 to Swings N Solar, \$20,000.00 to Property at 1900-1918 W. Main Street (Hector's), \$4000.00 to Mid-Cities Center, \$5000.00 to Anne's Pharmacy, \$25,000.00 to Crossroads Liquor, \$25,000.00 to Cedar Creek Lodge, \$25,000.00 to Lakeside Animal Clinic and \$50,000.00 to Burkes Outlet. Public Comments? None.
4. Close Public Hearing: no action required
5. Citizens Comments: none
6. Adoption of Minutes: from January meeting and Amendment of October Minutes to add missed passage of contract with GBC for landscaping and maintenance. Moved by Brandi Marett and seconded by Diane Johannes. Passed as amended.
7. Adoption of Financials: for December – Moved by Ken Foster and seconded by Susan Ball. Discussion of Budget line item for executive assistant's hours. Review of Budget for possible amendments will happen after March 31st, 2021. Financials missing Budget vs. Actual Report. Motion passed.
8. Discuss/take action: Listing of Browning Property – Moved to discuss by Ron Wyrick and seconded by Brandi Marett. Ms. Cooper reports that she along with the City Manager and a Realtor visited the property and it needs cosmetic updates but is sound. The Realtor provided her broker's opinion that it could be listed at \$150,000.00 based on local comps. We could look at it as the more, the better. On the other hand, we want a business that will bring retail and sales tax dollars. Ms. Cooper reports that we have \$132,000.00 invested in the property. Ron Wyrick asked how long we would list with an agent. Ms. Cooper stated that it is usually for 6 months. Diane Johannes moved to give authority to Gayle Cooper to list the property. Ken Foster seconded. Motion passed.

9. Discuss/take action: Gun Barrel Quilters Guild application for funding – Motion to discuss by Ron Wyrick. Seconded by Joe Kyle. Ms. Cooper said that the EDC has contributed \$2500.00 in the past and that the event brings 800 people to attend. The event will be in April and will be COVID compliant. Joe Kyle moved to approve \$1500.00 and Susan Ball seconded. Motion passed.

10. Presentations: change of order – moved Review of Board role to the third spot.

- a. Update of delinquent loans: There are two. Ms. Cooper reports that, in regard to the GBC Medical loan, the attorney is looking at the Performance Agreement to determine next action. They have not made a payment since July. The other loan is to Tip Top Moving and Storage. They are still attempting to make a payment each month although several have bounced so we are not taking action just yet.
- b. Review of parking lot issues: Repairs have been made by the property owners.
- c. Review of Board role: Ms. Cooper stated that she is here purely to grow the economy of Gun Barrel City. She is not interested in power plays. Ms. Cooper stated that relationships with the Board are not working and she wants to schedule meetings with Board members one-on-one in an effort to improve that.

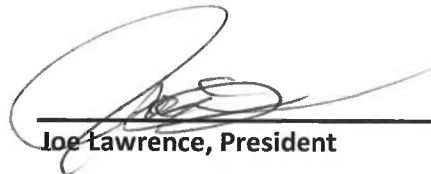
Joe Kyle, Joe Lawrence, Susan Ball and Ken Foster refused to meet with the Executive Director one-on-one. Ron Wyrick, Brandi Marett and Diane Johannes agreed to meet.

The Mayor stated that he sees a problem with Board attitudes. He stated that the Board has asked for and received guidance from City Council in Resolution 2018-009 stating that the Executive Director manages the Board.

Joe Lawrence asked Ms. Cooper where the one-on-one meeting suggestion originated. Ms. Cooper stated that it came out of a meeting between herself and two Council Members. On hearing that Joe Lawrence revised his response and agreed to meet with Ms. Cooper one-on-one.

11. Adjourn: Ron Wyrick moved to adjourn and Diane Johannes seconded. Adjourn at 6:20pm.

Approved by:



Joe Lawrence, President

Attest:



Brandi Marett, Secretary