

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF HENDERSON *
CITY OF GUN BARREL *

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TUESDAY, March 10th, 2020

The Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation will meet in a Regular Board meeting in the Gun Barrel City Council Chambers located at 1716 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, 75156 on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Vice-President Joe Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and Gary Damiano gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Roll was called and a quorum established.

Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Absent
Board Member – Brandi Maret: Present
Board Member - Gary Damiano: Present
Board Member – Joe Lawrence: Present
Board Member – Joe Kyle: Present
Board Member – Diane Johannes: Present
Board Member – Jim Cavanaugh: Present

Citizen Presentations: None

Item #3A. Discuss and/or take action to approve and recommend that City Council approve the EDC Meeting minutes of February 11th, 2020.

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Motion to approve the EDC minutes of February 10th
Board Member – Gary Damiano: 2nd
Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Absent
Board Member – Brandi Maret: Approve
Board Member - Gary Damiano: Approve
Board Member - Joe Lawrence: Approve
Board Member – Joe Kyle: Approve
Board Member - Diane Johannes: Approve
Board Member – Jim Cavanaugh: Approve

Vote Result: Approved

Item #3B. Discuss and/or take action to approve and recommend that City Council approve the January 2020 GBC EDC month end financial report.

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Motion to approve and recommend that City Council approve the December 2019 month end financial report
Board Member – Gary Damiano: 2nd
Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Absent
Board Member – Brandi Maret: Approve
Board Member - Gary Damiano: Approve
Board Member - Joe Lawrence: Approve
Board Member – Joe Kyle: Approve
Board Member – Diane Johannes: Approve
Board Member - Jim Cavanaugh: Approve

Vote Result: Approved

Item #4A. Discuss and/or take action to approve and recommend that City Council approve advertisement for Whiskers & Wags Gala in an amount not to exceed \$2,000

Board Vice-President Kenneth Foster walked into the meeting as the item was read

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Motion to support advertisement in the amount of \$2,000

Board Member – Jim Cavanaugh: 2nd

*Board Members Gary Damiano and Diane Johannes asked questions around the size of the advertisement and attendance of the event to which ED Associate Walter Baker answered that he was not aware of those details and went on to note the price point relative to other forms of advertisement
Vice-President Ken Foster offered an amendment to downsize the request to \$500*

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Motion to support advertisement in the amount of \$500

Board Member – Gary Damiano: 2nd

Board Member Diane Johannes added that this appeared more of a goodwill project than an economic one

Board Treasurer Joe Kyle clarified that goodwill projects were illegal but spoke in favor of the item as a promotional tool for individuals seeking to relocate or expand business here

Board Members Gary Damiano and Diane Johannes offered another amendment that the ad would better emphasize that idea with words directly indicating that people could move or expand their businesses

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Motion to support advertisement in the amount of \$500 with additional language on the ad encouraging business expansion or relocation into Gun Barrel City

Board Member – Brandi Maret: 2nd

Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Approve

Board Member – Brandi Maret: Approve

Board Member - Gary Damiano: Approve

Board Member - Joe Lawrence: Approve

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Approve

Board Member – Diane Johannes: Approve

Board Member – Jim Cavanaugh: Approve

Vote Result: Approved

Item #4B. Discuss and/or take action to approve and recommend that City Council approve sending board officers who have not yet attended a TEDC Sales Tax Conference to attend in an amount not to exceed \$500

Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Motion to approve as stated

Board Member – Joe Kyle: 2nd

Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Approve

Board Member – Brandi Maret: Approve

Board Member - Gary Damiano: Approve

Board Member - Joe Lawrence: Approve

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Approve

Board Member – Diane Johannes: Approve

Board Member – Jim Cavanaugh: Approve

*Board Member Gary Damiano asked about pricing which was immediately followed by Treasurer Joe Kyle explaining that it was not found in our original budget and the pricing
ED Associate Walter Baker explained that there was a current line item for it and attempted to answer a question from Diane Johannes
President Joe Lawrence asked if there were sufficient funds in the line item to which Associate Walter Baker answered in the affirmative
Treasurer Joe Kyle then explained that we would not have to take the item to Council in actual fact*

Vote Result: Approved

Item #4C. Discuss and/or take action to approve 2019 Fiscal Year Audit

Board Member – Joe Kyle: Motion to approve as stated
Board Member – Gary Damiano: 2nd
Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Approve
Board Member – Brandi Maret: Approve
Board Member - Gary Damiano: Approve
Board Member - Joe Lawrence: Approve
Board Member – Joe Kyle: Approve
Board Member – Diane Johannes: Approve
Board Member – Jim Cavanaugh: Approve

Board Treasurer Joe Kyle explained that the Audit was positive to which Board Member Diane Johannes agreed

Vote Result: Approved

Item #4D. Discuss and/or take action to approve report from ED Associate on TEDC Conference

ED Associate Walter Baker described several sessions attended at TEDC Conference

Item #4E. Receive report from Board Treasurer on recent visit to USDA office and resulting actions

*Board Treasurer Joe Kyle recited statement over meeting with USDA
Board Member Gary Damiano attempted to ask a question which was refused by the Board President as the item and motion did not allow for discussion*

Adjournment

Board Member – Gary Damiano: Motion to adjourn at 5:27 PM
Board Member – Joe Lawrence: 2nd
Board Member – Kenneth Foster: Approve
Board Member – Brandi Maret: Approve
Board Member - Gary Damiano: Approve
Board Member - Joe Lawrence: Approve
Board Member – Joe Kyle: Approve
Board Member – Diane Johannes: Approve
Board Member – Jim Cavanaugh: Approve

Vote Result: Approved

Approved by: _____



Joe Lawrence, President

Attest by: _____



Brandi Marett, Secretary