

CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2016

Regular meeting of the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation, August, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 501 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas.

Present: David Smith, Denise Hitt, Shawn Cass, Judy Fonville

Absent: Noel Snedeker, Leonard Vasquez, Pattie Martinez

Visitors: Rolando Rodriguez, Donnie Riojas, Martin Salcido, Ray De La Santos

This meeting has been posted in accordance with Article 551.001, Texas Open Meetings Act, with a quorum present.

Agenda Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2016

Denise Hitt moved and Judy Fonville seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 5, 2016 . Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Discuss, Consider and Act on the Treasurer’s Report

- a. Wells Fargo Checking Account
Balance in the checking account is \$77,692.79 as of July 31, 2016. Prosperity Bank Account balance \$9,439.03
 - b. Security Service Certificates of Deposit
There are two Certificates of Deposits in the amount of \$26,890.00 and \$52,666.43
 - c. Savings Account
There is \$3,392.09 in the savings account
 - d. Accounts Payable
SMMP Invoice #4023, Check #1189 in the amount of \$3,000.00
Taft EDC to Prosperity Bank Account, Check #1188 in the amount of \$3,000.00
C.M. Henkel, III Invoice #35516, Check #1190 in the amount of \$60.00
- Sales Tax Pending:
July, 2016 in the amount of \$8,069.92
- e. Prosperity Bank Loan Balance - \$354,472.92

Shawn Cass moved and Denise Hitt seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comments

Mr. Rolando Rodriguez addressed the Board asking what capacity does Ms. Denise Hitt serve on the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation Board since she is the sitting City Manager. Who is she representing now. President Smith explained that the by-laws state; the Board will be made up of seven (7) board members and of those seven (7) board members at least three (3) have to be somebody other than a representative of the City. This Board is correctly in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation and is correctly structured within the laws of the State of Texas.

Ms. Donnie Riojas representing the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation addressed the Board stating that the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation will be moving its offices to Portland. She also reminded the Board of the Annual Banquet will be held on October 25, 2016. Also, the San

Patricio County Economic Development Corporation has started a "Partner's Breakfast" each month. Taft will be hosting the breakfast in December.

Agenda Item #5 – Project Yosemite/Exxon Mobil Project Update

President Smith updated the Board on the proposed project

Agenda Item #6 – Grounds Maintenance & Mowing Services Purchase Orders

Shaw Cass moved and Denise Hitt seconded the motion to proceed with the lot specifications and purchase order system with adjustments to be issued to potential grounds maintenance contractors. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – Preliminary Budget

The Board went over the proposed budget.

Agenda Item #8 – Closed Session

President Smith declared that the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation on August 2, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. to be in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.00 et. Seq.

Agenda item #12 – Reconvened from Closed Session – The Board will take appropriate action on items, if necessary, as discussed in Closed Session.

President Smith declared the meeting open to the public at 7:24 p.m. on August 2, 2016.

David Smith moved and Shawn Cass seconded the motion to have Roxanne Controneo as "attorney of record" for the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation. Motion passed unanimously.

Shawn Cass moved and Denise Hitt seconded the motion for a resolution from the Board to authorize the President of the Board to contact the Martinez firm to get an estimate to finish the demolition of the Green Avenue property. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 – Agenda Items for the Next Regular meeting September 6, 2016

- a. City of Taft Economic Development Corporation Sales Tax Workshop
- b. Assist in the development of the property at Packinghouse Road and Highway 181
- c. GIS Funding
- d. Qualification of Site
- e. San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation Annual Banquet October 25, 2016
- f. Grounds Maintenance
- g. Budget

Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn

Denise Hitt moved and Judy Fonville seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Secretary

