

CITY OF TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 6, 2016

Regular meeting of the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation, December 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 501 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas.

Present: David Smith, Denise Hitt, Noel Snedeker, Pattie Martinez, Judy Fonville

Absent: Shawn Cass, Leonard Vasquez

Visitors: Gilberto Rodriguez, Lisa Kelley, Anthony Shamoon, Ray De Los 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 November 1, 2016

Denise Hitt moved and Noel Snedeker seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 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 \$80,673.51 through December, 2016.
- b. Prosperity Bank Account balance \$7,325.95
- c. Security Service Certificates of Deposit
There are two Certificates of Deposits in the amount of \$26,984.81 and \$52,812.56
- d. Savings Account
There is \$3,393.80 in the savings account
- e. Accounts Payable
SMMP Invoice #4028, Check #1213 in the amount of \$3,000.00
SMMP Invoice #4029, Check #1214 in the amount of 165.42
Roxanne Pais Controneo, Invoice #208, Check #1215 in the amount of \$450.00
Akers & Akers , Invoice #3692, Check #1216 in the amount of \$120.00
Taft EDC (Prosperity Bank Account), Check #1217 in the amount of \$3,000.00
City of Taft Invoice #009, Check #1218 in the amount of \$172.50
City of Taft Invoice #007, Check #1211 in the amount of \$1,200.00
City of Taft Invoice #008, Check #1212 in the amount of \$1,200.00
- f. Sales Tax Pending: None
- g. Prosperity Bank Loan Balance - \$347,920.69

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

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comments

Mr. Anthony Shamoon discussed with the Board his property on Green Ave. Mr. Shamoon wants to sell the property to the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation. If the COTEDC is interested he would sell the property for \$10,000.00.

Agenda Item #5 – Grant writing services and opportunities for the COTEDC for fiscal year 2917

Ms. Lisa Kelley, grant writer for Santos McBain Management & Planning, addressed the Board on the three grants that are available to the COTEDC in relation to City of Taft beautification and downtown revitalization projects.

Denise Hitt moved and Noel Snedeker seconded the motion to approve SMMP contractual agreement for grant writing services from December 6, 2016 through October 31, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Approving a resolution of the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation for an application to the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Business Development Grant program

Noel Snedeker moved and Denise Hitt seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2016-1 of the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation to apply for grant assistance under the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Rural Business-Cooperative Services (RBS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – Architectural services for City of Taft Economic Development Corporation

Mr. Gilberto Rodriguez, architect and former resident of Taft, gave a presentation of his architectural design and what he has in mind for the revitalization of Green Avenue.

Agenda Item #8 – City of Taft Economic Development Corporation position paper properties

Mr. Ray De Los Santos addressed the Board with a draft of “Improving Community Aesthetics to Foster Economic Development in Taft, Texas”. The draft is an abstract of preliminary discussion of potential aesthetic improvement, implementation strategies, and available tools and resources that will have the greatest impact to spur or dissuade economic development.

Denise Hitt moved and Noel Snedeker seconded the motion to present the draft recommendations on Improving Community Aesthetics to Foster Economic Development in Taft to the City Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #9 – Trip to Austin, Texas for San Patricio Day

The date for the San Patricio County Day in Austin will be February 15, 2017.

Agenda item #10 – New signage for properties owned by the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation

Denise Hitt moved and Noel Snedeker seconded the motion to table this item until the January 3, 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 – Closed/Executive Session

President Smith declared that the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation to be in closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.00 et. Seq.

Denise Hitt moved and Pattie Martinez seconded the motion to convene into closed session on December 6, 2016 at 7:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Denise Hitt moved and Pattie Martinez seconded the motion to declare the meeting open to the public on December 6, 2016 at 7:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Noel Snedeker moved and Denise Hitt seconded the motion to approve the contract renewal for Santos McBain Management & Planning. Motion passed unanimously.

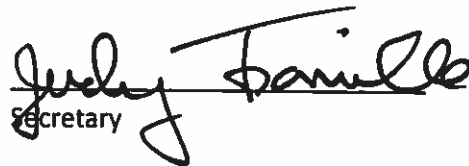
Agenda Item #13 - Agenda Items for the Next Regular meeting January 3, 2017

- a. Architect
- b. Trip to Austin
- c. Signage for properties
- d. Mr. Shamoan property

Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn

Denise Hitt moved and Pattie Martinez seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:


Secretary