

May 23, 2024
Yoakum City Hall
Conference Room – 11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- PRESENT: Layne Brandt President
Carl O'Neill Director
Michael Trojcek Director
Pam Ward Director
Tanya Wenzel Director
Genora Young Executive Director
Theresa A. Bowe City Clerk
- ABSENT: Whitney Boone Vice-President
Linda Schmidt Secretary

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM.

Motion by Director Trojcek to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Second was made by Director Ward; motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Explanations of expenditures was provided regarding the YEDC parking lot, the Economic Development Administration Grant program and the Industrial Park II project funding. Attorney fee schedule was reviewed. The EDA Pilot program project that was paid for through the YEDC has been reimbursed by all participating entities. After review and discussion, Director Ward made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. Second was made by Director O'Neill and motion carried unanimously.

Director Tanya Wenzel jointed the meeting at 11:43 AM.

Review was held for a Community Improvement Matching Funds Grant application from the Yoakum American Legion Post 395 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Commander Gale Schneider and Adjutant Dennis O'Neill were present representing the American Legion. Bids were received from multiple contractors. L&J Concrete of Yoakum, Texas provided the low bid for the concrete pad to place the World War II M1 57MM Anti-Tank Gun donated to the City of Yoakum in 2001. The American Legion is requesting assistance in funding the slab in an effort to further preserve and memorialize the monument. The Board moved forward with a Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on a Community Improvement Matching Funds Grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing closed.

After review and discussion, Director Wenzel made a motion to approve the grant for matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Second was made by Director Trojcek. Motion carried unanimously.

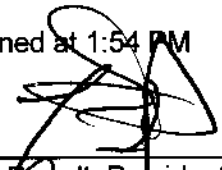
Information was not available from the Yoakum Oak Grove Cemetery Association for reimbursement of a Community Improvement Matching Funds Grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. The Board tabled the item for a future meeting.

President Brandt announced that the Board would enter into Executive Session at 12:06 PM to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072) for Project "Check Point"; and to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087) and closed the meeting to the public. The meeting reopened to the public at 1:40 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

The Board scheduled a workshop set for Friday, June 7, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Under Executive Director's Update: updates were provided on the 2022-2031 Economic Development Strategic Plan, the Industrial Park II Economic Development Administration Grant project. ED Young met with GVEC regarding the electric power for the site. City staff is working with engineers regarding the water and sewer lines to serve the park; there is one section of water/sewer remaining that is not covered by any other grant. The budget allotment for the engineering will cover the small cost to TRC Engineers and the cost of the engineering from CSRS for the remaining portion. Staff received information from Eisenburg and is currently reviewing the website layout and design. Once verified, content will be developed. ED Young reviewed contacts with local businesses regarding the summit, and reviewed meetings held including the May 6, 2024 Economic Summit. Information was also presented regarding the May 9, 2024 Rural Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) hosted by the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission at the Grand Theater, the Keep Texas Beautiful Virtual Conference to be held June 24, - June 26, 2024 from 8:00 to 12:00, and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) which hosted over 20,000 attendees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM



Layne Brandt, President

ATTEST:



Theresa A. Bowe, TRMC
City Clerk

