

July 15, 2024
Yoakum City Hall
Conference Room – 11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT: None

President Brandt called the meeting to order at 11:37 AM.

Secretary/Treasurer Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024 regular meeting as presented seconded by Director Wenzel; motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Explanation of interest revenue was provided, questions were posed and addressed. Director Trojcek moved to approve the Financial Report as presented. Second was made by Director Ward and motion carried unanimously.

Information was presented regarding a Small Business Improvement Matching Funds Grant Application from Embroidery Express in an amount no to exceed \$10,000. Dianna Hanzelka, grant applicant, was present to discuss the request for 50% reimbursement of roof repairs. The Board provided input regarding additional bid information to include upgrades from the low bidder allowing Ms. Hanzelka to maximize the potential benefits of the grant. Ms. Hanzelka thanked the Board and agreed to provide another bid at the next meeting of the Board. No action was taken.

The Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on a Small Business Improvement Matching Funds Grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 was not held due to the application for funding being tabled.


Consideration of the reimbursement of funds for Oak Grove Cemetery Association's Community Improvement Matching Funds Grant in an amount no to exceed \$5,000 was tabled for a future meeting.

With budget information being incomplete, staff informed the Board that additional information will be provided to the Finance Committee for input prior to considering recommendations for City Council. Staff requested a special meeting of the Board to review the final budget prior to the City Council Workshop on July 25, 2024. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting for July 25 at 11:30 AM. The August 2024 meeting was cancelled, and the Board will consider rescheduling if necessary.

President Brandt announced that the Board would enter into Executive Session at 12:01 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 negotiation (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087). The meeting reopened to the public at 12:44 PM with no action resulting.

Under Executive Director's Update: An update was presented regarding the Strategic Plan including an update on the IP2 EDA Grant – ED Young shared emails regarding the engineering process for IP2. Nick Bogan, PE (CSRS), IP2 Project Manager, will provide reports approximately every 2 weeks. CSRS filed required reports with EDA sharing all reports with City/YEDC staff. The project is on schedule. Information was provided regarding the development of the YEDC Website – Eisenberg and Associates is building out portions of the website while staff is developing content for the "Industry" section of the site and drafting Board member bios. ED Young updated the Board regarding a water leak at the YEDC office. The leak is on the owner's side of the meter. Mr. Barre was notified and contacted a plumber. Outlining attended meetings, ED Young provided the following update: the Keep Texas Beautiful Virtual conference held on June 26-26, 2024 (8 AM – Noon). As a follow-up to attending the Virtual Conference, Alexa Fikac, Hannah Bordovsky, and ED Young scheduled a conference call with Corinne Pierce, Director of the KTB Affiliate and Youth Programs. The Affiliate and Youth programs are of particular interest because of potential funding only available to Affiliate members of KTB. Project Bulldog Beautification would have qualified for the grant program if Yoakum was an Affiliate member. Yoakum ISD – Tom Kelley, Superintendent- Mayor Pro Tem, Wenzel and ED Young met with Tom Kelley to discuss the Conoco-Philips grants. During the meeting Glyniss Strauss with C-P was contacted and provided helpful specific information regarding C-P's funding preferences. Mr. Kelley will submit a grant application for this funding cycle. The deadline is the last day of July 2024. Information provided on the Downtown parking lot – ED Young updated the Board regarding the overhanging trees in the handicap parking spaces of the parking lot. An update was provided on potential fiber provider, GVEC. The Yoakum City Council approved GVEC's request to place a Fiber Hub in the area of the new water tower and Council also approved the installation of an antenna on the existing water tower until the new permanent structure is in place. At that time, the Fiber Hub will be installed. Rise Broadband is bringing fiber to Yoakum and the City Council is working with RB regarding the placement of fiber. Grant Performance Agreements: Performance Agreements for Project Bulldog Beautification, Yoakum Memorial Association, Oak Grove Cemetery, American Legion, and SAK Construction were all sent to Ken Kvinta, City Attorney, for review. Copies of all executed Performance Agreements will be shared with Mr. Kvinta, the City Clerk, and the YEDC office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.



Layne Brandt, President

ATTEST:



Theresa A. Bowe, TRMC
City Clerk

