

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Yoakum Community Center – 5:15 PM
105 Huck Street

PRESENT: Tim Faulkner..... President
Anita R. Rodriguez..... Vice-President
Arthur G. Hermann III..... Secretary
Tommy Barre..... Director
Gery Maneth..... Director
Kevin Coleman..... City Manager
Debbie Sadler..... Dir. of Economic Development
Theresa A. Bowe..... City Clerk

ABSENT: Larry Leahy..... Director
Zenith Stevens..... Director

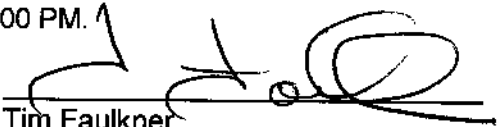
The meeting was called to order by President Faulkner and opened to the public at 5:15 PM.

City Manager Kevin Coleman introduced the Director of Economic Development Debbie Sadler. ED Dir. Sadler provided a brief overview of the programs that the YEDC has in place and requested input from those in attendance. She explained the General Program to be geared toward manufacturing and measures success by the number of jobs created and/or retained. Also explained were the three Enhancement Programs: 1) New Retail Program, 2) Business District Preservation Program; and 3) Community Service Program. Additional grant programs were introduced over the last year: 1) new retail businesses remaining open for a 6 month period; 2) utilization of a vacant or underutilized building; and 3) existing businesses extending business hours.

President Faulkner provided background information on the YEDC, explaining the use of sales tax and how it is distributed to the communities; reiterated that the programs being promoted by the YEDC are an attempt to stimulate business.


Contact information for ED Dir. Sadler was provided to the group. Questions were presented and addressed from local realtors and Chamber members. Housing issues and the workforce situation were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.



Tim Faulkner
President

Attest:



Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk

