

February 18, 2019
Conference Room – 11:30 AM
City Hall

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Gery Maneth.....YEDC President
Anita R. Rodríguez.....Vice-President
Arthur Hermann.....Secretary
Tommy Barre.....Director
Whitney Boone.....Director
Zenith Stevens.....Director
Elorine Sitka.....Director
Kevin M. Coleman.....City Manager
Chuck Dart.....Director of Economic Development
Theresa A. Bowe.....City Clerk

ABSENT:

President Maneth called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Motion by Director Barre to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Director Hermann and motion carried unanimously.

Information was presented and questions were posed and addressed on the YEDC Financial Report by City Manager Coleman. After review and discussion, Director Hermann made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Director Rodriguez and carried unanimously.

The February Sales Tax Comparison Report was presented for review and discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding a Community Service Grant for the Yoakum Little League to assist with improvements to the batting cages. The Yoakum Independent School district, local parents, and the City are putting funds into the project while McKee Construction of Yoakum is performing the work at cost to assist with the project. Motion was made by Director Stevens to award a Community Services Grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to the Yoakum Little League for the renovations to the little league batting cages. Motion was seconded by Director Rodriguez and passed 6-0-0.

A request from Yoakum Packing, also doing business as FarmPac Kitchens, located at 500 Front Street made a request for a Preservation District Grant. The grant will assist with construction of a building designed to protect assets from the weather, secure, and tidy the area. The grant request consists of roughly 25% of the project cost. Motion by Director Rodriguez to award a Preservation District Grant to Yoakum Packing in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. Motion was seconded by Director Stevens and carried 5-0-1 with Director Boone abstaining.

Information was presented regarding a Retail Enhancement Grant to Mimi's Kitchen located at 606 US Highway 77A South. The request is to assist with new signage for a total cost of \$2,600. DED Dart said the Project Profile revealed additional points were required, so an adjustment to 40% YEDC grant participation would qualify it. After review of the application, Director Barre made a

motion to award a Retail Enhancement Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,060.85 to Mimi's Kitchen. Motion was seconded by Director Boone and carried 7-0-0.

Discussion was held regarding the Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon to be held May 1, 2019. Recommendations were reviewed. Motion was made by Director Sitka to provide catering through Werner's of Shiner, Texas, provide direction to DED Dart regarding menu, and to enlist economics professor from the University of Texas San Antonio, Dr. Tom Tunstall, with a subject to be determined as the program. Second was made by Director Stevens; motion carried unanimously.

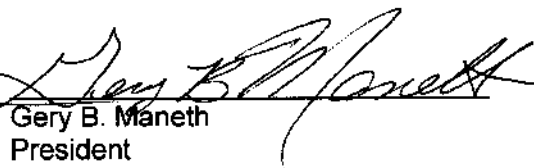
Grant category expenses were reviewed. The Preservation District Grant budget is currently almost expended. Motion was made by Director Barre to stay within the overall budget and make amendments as needed based on grant requests with a second by Director Hermann. After further discussion, Director Barre withdrew the motion. No action will be taken until next meeting.

Under the Directors Report, DED Dart provided a written report regarding retail activity including a report on Handy Stop Grocery's re-configuration of their fuel service area to create additional parking and better ingress and egress, and the change to the Valero chain. A grant application may be received from the owner at a future meeting. Information was presented regarding a potential grant request from Stuart Kalisek. A grant will be submitted for a GVEC Power-Up grant to assist with the funding of the downtown Christmas Lighting Program. The request will be submitted by the YEDC on behalf of the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce. Information was provided on Community in Schools (CIS), a new program at Yoakum High School to target at-risk students. It is funded through the end of this semester, but future funding is unknown. That may be brought before the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

President Maneth announced at 12:32 PM that the Board would enter into Executive Session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072), and to deliberate regarding economic development negotiations as it pertains to an industrial user (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.087). The meeting reopened to the public at 12:52 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.




Gery B. Maneth
President

ATTEST:


Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk