

MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, June 18, 2018
City Hall Conference Room – 11:30 AM

PRESENT:	Anita R. Rodriguez.....	Vice-President
	Tommy Barre.....	Director
	Whitney Boone.....	Director
	Arthur G. Hermann III.....	Secretary
	Kevin Coleman.....	City Manager
	Theresa A. Bowe.....	City Clerk
	Chuck Dart.....	Dir of Economic Development
ABSENT:	Gery B. Maneth.....	President
	Elorine Sitka.....	Director
	Zenith Stevens.....	Director
	Sandra Jacob.....	Director of Finance

Vice-President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 11:44 AM and opened the meeting to the public. Guests were welcomed.

Director Hermann made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 18, 2018, May 21, 2018, May 22, 2018, and June 4, 2018 meetings as presented. Second was made by Director Boone and motion carried unanimously.

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

Director Barre made a motion to accept the May Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Director Hermann and carried unanimously.

Information was presented regarding the awarded 2017-2018 Business Retail Enhancement Grants, Business District Preservation Grants, Community Services Grants, and the General Grants. An overview of the progress of each was provided and letters to each of the recipients will be sent out reminding each of the deadline for completion of the proposed projects.

Grant Workshop information and Project Profile information was tabled until the July 2018 meeting.

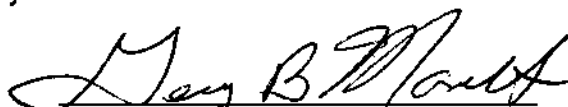
Discussion was held regarding the 2018-2019 YEDC Budget to be recommended to City Council for consideration. Line items were reviewed and discussed. The Travel and Training line item was reviewed: the Texas Economic Development Corporation conference is not a priority to attend at this time. DED Dart to provide the Board with a list of training that may be considered in the next fiscal year. Discussion of priorities of contract services will be developed and presented at the next meeting. Grant funding was reviewed; recommendations were made to be presented at the July meeting for consideration.

The Directors report was provided including retail activity, workforce, housing, and small business development. A written report was presented and discussed. DED Dart provided information regarding a proposed partnership with the Yoakum Independent School District to create job skill training for the high school students. The goal of the program is to retain the workforce and working with employers to assist in developing training for employees in order to retain them. A presentation will be provided at a future meeting to outline the proposed


partnership. The Yoakum ISD is contemplating setting up programs to connect labor demands, skills development, and supply. Questions were posed and address regarding the Victoria College distance learning programs and other programs that offer trade paths for students that are not college bound. Information was provided regarding Public Improvement Districts that have been approved through the State of Texas. It becomes an additional taxing entity to raise funds to support public improvements. Information will be gathered and presented to Council to determine interest in pursuing a project of this nature. If the Board would like to move forward with an affordable housing project, DED Dart recommended the purchase of land. The next Business Essential presentation is scheduled for July 10, 2018 and will be handled by the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce from here forward.

Vice-President Rodriguez announced that the Board would enter into Executive Session at 12:30 PM to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the Director of Economic Development (V.T.C.A. Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting re-opened to the public at 1:01 PM. Action resulting from Executive Session: Motion by Director Barre to pay a bonus in the amount of \$1,000 to Director of Economic Development Chuck Dart for his participation in assisting Yoakum Perk & Brew in finding the optimum location in Yoakum, payable upon the business opening. Motion was seconded by Director Hermann and motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.


Gery B. Maneth
President

Attest:


Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk

