

June 29, 2021  
Yoakum City Hall  
Conference Room – 12:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Gery Maneth..... President  
Whitney Boone..... Vice-President  
Anita R. Rodriguez..... Director  
Linda Schmidt..... Director  
Kevin M. Coleman..... City Manager  
Theresa A. Bowe..... City Clerk  
Terry Stokes..... Executive Director

ABSENT: Sean Mooney..... Director


President Maneth called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM and opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments on a proposed allocation of Type B Sales Tax funds associated with the lot clearing and site construction of property within the 300 block of Irvine Street in an amount not to exceed \$110,000. Ken Eilers was present and made suggestions including raising the elevation of the parking area to assist with drainage; and placement of a concrete wall six to twelve inches tall to assist in deterring the dirt and debris from the adjacent property from flowing onto the parking lot. President Maneth indicated that the YEDC has contacted the adjacent property owner and requested that they place a barrier between the properties to keep the dirt from flowing onto the newly constructed parking lot. Mr. Eilers also pointed out the need to ensure that water flowing from the parking lot does not create flooding for other properties. Hearing no further comments, President Maneth closed the public hearing at 12:15 PM.

Motion by Vice-President Boone to make a recommendation to the City Council to award the bid for the parking lot construction to Pineywoods Construction Services, LLC for the low bid of \$64,745.00 for the lot clearing and site construction of property within the 300 block of Irvine Street. Second was made by Director Schmidt and motion carried with Directors Boone, Schmidt, and Maneth voting in favor; Director Rodriguez voting against.

Motion by Director Schmidt to make a recommendation to the City Council to approve funding associated with the lot clearing and site construction of property within the 300 block of Irvine Street in an amount not to exceed \$110,000. Motion was seconded by Vice-President Boone. Motion carried with Directors Boone, Schmidt, and Maneth voting in favor; Director Rodriguez voting against.

President Maneth opened a public hearing to receive citizen comments on a proposed allocation of Type B Sales Tax funds in the form of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in conjunction with the Downtown Business District Revitalization Grant application from Embroidery Express for its location at 218 W. Grand Ave, Yoakum, Texas. Discussion was held regarding contractor selection. Public comment was heard regarding the workmanship of the low bidders and to be cautious when awarding to bidders that are so much lower than others. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing closed at 12:28 PM.

Vice-President Boone made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to approve the expenditure of Type B Sales Tax funds for a Downtown Business District Revitalization Grant application from Embroidery Express for its location at 218 W. Grand Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Motion was seconded by Director Schmidt and carried unanimously.

  
Gery B. Maneth  
President

ATTEST:

  
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

