

October 18, 2021  
Yoakum Community Center  
Conference Room – 11:30 AM

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PRESENT:** Gery Maneth..... President  
Layne Brandt..... Director  
Carl O'Neill..... Director  
Michael Trojcek..... Director  
Terry Stokes..... Executive Director  
Kevin M. Coleman..... City Manager  
Theresa A. Bowe..... City Clerk

**ABSENT:** Whitney Boone..... Vice-President  
Sean Mooney..... Director  
Linda Schmidt..... Director

President Maneth called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM and guests were welcomed.

Director Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 20, 2021 as presented. Motion was seconded by Director Trojcek and carried unanimously.

Review was held of the current status of the construction of the parking lot paving project at 306 Irvine Street. Additional density tests are being performed before close out of the project. Update on lease agreement for YEDC's proposed downtown headquarters: lease is scheduled to be signed.

Reports from the liaisons to YEDC's stakeholders, as follows:

A report was presented by President Maneth from Council Liaison Mooney. A written report was presented regarding the grace period for the auto repair shops that will be ending at the end of October; existing ordinances that may be amended to address additional nuisances found on properties that could currently be exempt from the ordinance; Council has expressed the visual improvement of the City has one of the highest priorities. Downtown vacant buildings were discussed during the last Council meeting and options to improve the area were discussed. Council has requested a joint meeting between the Council and the YEDC to be scheduled in order to align priorities and increase communication. Council provided feedback regarding the YEDC Executive Director and requested that greater visibility and accessibility for the small businesses in Yoakum become a goal.

A report was presented by City Manager Coleman regarding the finance report submitted to Director Schmidt, Chair of the Finance Committee. Highlights were reviewed and discussed. After discussion, motion by Director Brandt to approve the Fiscal Year-end Financial Report as presented. Second was made by Director Trojcek and carried unanimously.

The Board received a report from the Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee Vice-President Whitney Boone presented by Executive Director Stokes in her absence. Established phone numbers to be associated with the facility downtown; should an administrative assistant position be developed, the phones will be covered during business hours. When the office is unmanned the phone will be forwarded to the cell phone of the Executive Director. An

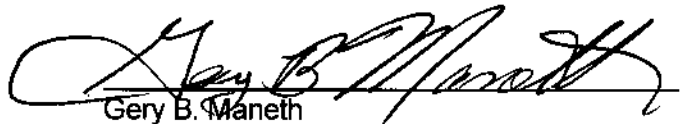
internet domain is being established in order to re-establish the web presence and social media presence for the YEDC.

Under Executive Director's Report/Discussion: ED Stokes updated the Board on a Small Business Improvement Matching Fund Grant in the amount of \$6,000 for Ganeshay, Inc. dba Yoakum Inn of Yoakum, Texas. Motion by Director Brandt to approve funding as presented. Second was made by Director O'Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

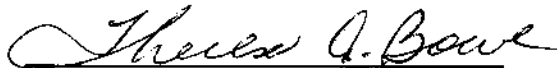
Review was held on the Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure a vendor to provide services for Topographical and ALTA Surveys for the Yoakum Industrial Park II (Project IP2). The request for proposal will be distributed and advertisement will be placed in local newspapers.

An update on activities associated with the development of Yoakum Industrial Park II (Project IP2) was presented. Letters of support were presented for review for Proposal submitted on behalf of the YEDC. An update on the status of the development of YEDC's 2021-2030 Strategic Plan and Economic development-related news articles from the past month were distributed. Details were discussed regarding options for the joint City Council/YEDC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

  
Gery B. Maneth  
President

ATTEST:

  
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

