

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
City Hall Conference Room – 5:30 PM

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

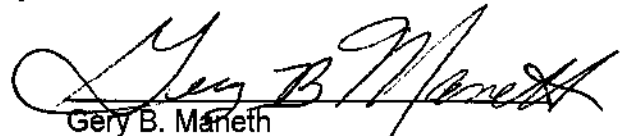
ABSENT: Kevin Coleman..... City Manager

President Maneth called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.


Discussion was held regarding the 2017-2018 grant applications. After review and receiving recommendations from staff, Director Rodriguez made a motion as follows: 1) award a Business District Preservation Grant request from Tim Bulot in an amount not to exceed \$4,829 to assist with the roof and awnings (not to include window units, sheetrock, etc.) at property located at 207 W. Grand Avenue (the Old Yoakum National Bank Building); 2) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant to Soehnge's Do-It-Center (408 W. Grand Avenue) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the purchase of a Bobcat T450 Compact Track Loader and attachments for the purpose of expanding the existing business to provide rental equipment to customers; 3) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant to Sonic Drive In (706 US Highway 77A South) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to assist in replacing the signage pole, to update the point of sale devices at the location, and clean up the property; 4) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant to County Line Meat Market located at 515 Irvine Street in an amount not to exceed \$9,053 for refrigeration upgrades, and signage contingent upon receiving a completed business plan through the University of Houston-Victoria - Small Business Development Center to City staff for review and filing; 5) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant to Anthony's Nails Spa at 514 Lott Street in an amount not to exceed \$4,350 for electrical upgrades and external improvements contingent upon receiving a completed business plan through the University of Houston-Victoria - Small Business Development Center to City staff for review and filing; 6) award a Community Services Program grant to the Yoakum Heritage Museum located at 312 Simpson Street requested in the amount of \$1,250 for funding assistance to build a fence; 7) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant to Khaos Fashion Boutique to assist with improvements to the exterior and signage for a store to be located at 418 Lott Street in an amount not to exceed \$472.50 contingent upon receiving a completed business plan through the University of Houston-Victoria - Small Business Development Center to City staff for review and filing; 8) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant to Rudolph's Inc. located at 401 E. Morris Street in an amount not to exceed \$3,557 to assist with painting exterior of the building, and replace/repair broken windows; 9) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant to Rudolph's Inc. located at 121 W. Hugo Street in an amount not to exceed \$1,583 to assist with the painting of the exterior of the building. A suggestion from the Board to remove and/or build a fence to cover the excess tires located at the property will be relayed to the property owner; 10) suspend a Business District Preservation Program Grant requested by Nadir Ali for the building located at 302 Front Street until the property owner is able to provide a satisfactory environmental survey; DED Dart was provided direction to contact the Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality to order a Phase I for the property and begin the process which will be provided at no cost upon request from the Municipality; a Phase II review will be the responsibility of the property owner; the grant request will be reviewed once the Phase I, Phase II and any necessary remediation is completed; 11) deny a Business Retail Enhancement Program Grant from the Yoakum Mini Storage for the purchase of a food truck to be placed near the Mini Storage based on the fact that the business will not be at a stationary location; 12) award a Business District Preservation Program Grant for Robert Kaiser & Dennis Kaiser, owners of the St. Regis Hotel located at 612 Lott Street in an amount not to exceed \$5,750 to assist with the replacement of the awning on the outside of the building, and the transom-glass above the exterior doors; 13) award a Business District Preservation Program Grant to Lisa Lampley for a building located at 604 Lott Street for store front renovation to include replacement of the awning, plumbing and electrical improvements, and exterior window repair/replacement in an amount not to exceed \$6,750; and 14) award a Business Retail Enhancement Program grant to Get n Go Food Mart for the purchase of equipment to begin a Krispy Krunchy Chicken Food, LLC franchise at their location at 508 Irvine Street in an amount not to exceed \$5,166.36. Motion was seconded by Director Stevens; motion carried unanimously with Director Hermann abstaining from the vote for property located at 515 Irvine Street.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.


Gery B. Maneth
President

Attest:


Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk

