

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT: None

President Maneth called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM.

Motion by Director Boone to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2019 as presented. Second was made by Director Sitka and motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Coleman presented Financial Reports. Written reports were provided and questions were posed and addressed. After review, Director Stevens made a motion to accept the Final 2019 Fiscal Year Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Director Sitka and carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Sitka to accept the October 2019 Financial Report as presented. Second was made by Director Hermann and motion carried unanimously.

Review was held of the Sales Tax Comparison Report received based on numbers from the Texas State Comptroller. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding the former Huth Memorial Hospital building located on Hubbard Street. Mr. Tim Davis was present to provide information and answer questions. He is not associated with the previous interested party and has the building under contract. Mr. Davis provided information regarding plans for bringing the building into a usable state and is hoping to partner with another entity to develop a housing unit or another business into the building. Ideas were presented and discussion was held. Grant options were reviewed and staff will provide additional information to Mr. Davis regarding details of grant options.

Information was presented regarding a proposed grant program to assist property owners in the downtown area to improve or repair building façades. The project will be turned over to the new YEDC Director once selected.

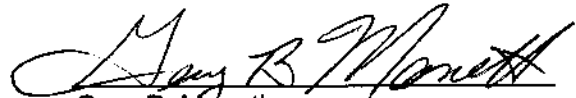
Under the Directors Report, a written final report was provided which included a guidebook for the next YEDC Director, file organization, and a baseline of duties. The Board reviewed a report from former Director of Economic Development Dart outlining his view of needed actions by the Board. The report proposed term limits for Board members, creating public interest for filling vacant

Board positions, succession planning, investment property, and the possibility of bringing a business that would draw out of town workers. Discussion was held regarding the use of the Front Street Railroad park as a parking area to improve parking downtown. The Board was informed that the Council will be reviewing options to increase parking on Lott and Front Streets at their December 2019 Council meeting; after that meeting additional information may be available.

The Board was reminded of the Texas Economic Development Council Sales Tax Training in Austin, Texas scheduled for December 13, 2019.

President Maneth announced that the Board would enter into Executive Session at 12:31 PM to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.072), and to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, etc. of the Director of Economic Development position (V.T.C.A., Gov. Code, Sec. 551.074). The meeting reopened to the public at 12:54 PM with no action resulting from Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.


Gery B. Maneth
President

ATTEST:


Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

