

JOINT MEETING OF THE YOAKUM CITY COUNCIL

and

THE YOAKUM ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, December 7, 2015

City Hall Conference Room – 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Anita R. Rodriguez..... Mayor/Vice-President
Elorine Sitka..... Mayor Pro-Tem
Rodney Jahn..... Councilmember
Tim McCoy..... Councilmember/Director
Carl O'Neill..... Councilmember
Kevin Coleman..... City Manager
Kenneth E. Kvinta..... City Attorney
Theresa A. Bowe..... City Clerk

Gery Maneth..... President
Tommy Barre..... Director
Arthur G. Hermann III..... Secretary
Larry Leahy..... Director
Zenith Stevens..... Director

ABSENT: Debbie Sadler..... Director of Economic Development

MAYOR Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Information was presented by YEDC President Maneth indicating the current YEDC priorities including the negotiations with Shopko, continuing grant programs, the creation of a database of downtown buildings, owners, and their strategies for those buildings. Ideas were presented for creating jobs. Questions posed regarding the feasibility/benefits of the YEDC purchasing land for a possible industrial park. Discussion was held regarding contact with a developer to provide additional housing for middle - to - low income employees for newly created jobs. Consultants hired previously provided feedback that indicated that Yoakum needs to find a way to increase Yoakum's curb appeal; specifically addressing empty buildings, and properties in dis-repair.

INFORMATION provided by City Manager on code enforcement, specifically along the area of 77A where it intersects with Carl Ramert Dr. and the manufactured homes being stored on that property/

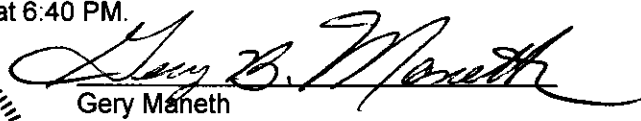
INFORMATION was discussed regarding the electric provider area and possible negotiations with GVEC. Also discussed was the application received from Tammie Steinmann for the opening of the theatre in the downtown area.

DISCUSSION was held regarding creating additional grants to make funding available to unique businesses to assist in the rehabilitation buildings in the downtown area.

QUESTIONS were posed regarding what the City Council's position is regarding the park improvement projects, and the HEB expansion and the loss of sales tax going to Cuero and Hallettsville. Discussion was held.

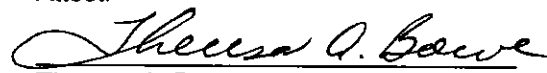
DIRECTION was given to Director of E/D to contact developers to determine the feasibility of bringing additional homes to Yoakum. Instruction was given to go to networking meetings to make contacts.

THERE being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.


Gery Maneth
President



Attest:



Theresa A. Bowe
City Clerk