Minutes Flatonia Economic Development Corporation Regular Meeting July 18, 2019

Present:

Board Members Dennis Geesaman

Ginny Sears Ashley Beeman Lenel Tamez Larry Haas

City Staff Mark McLaughlin – General Manager

Melissa Brunner – City Secretary/Finance Manager

Angela Beck – City Attorney

Opening Agenda

President Dennis Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

President Geesaman led the invocation and the Pledges to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

Reports

General Manager Report General Manager McLaughlin did not have anything separate from

his written report to report on.

Consent Agenda

Ginny Sears motioned to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting and the June 2019 Financial Report. Lenel Tamez seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 7-2019.1. Lenel Tamez motioned to delete item #2, Broadband Internet Downtown from the Projects List and add #6, Extending a water line down Garbade Lane and #7 Extending Garbade Lane out to I10 with the CARTS/AMTRAK Terminal and Parking area remaining on the list after these as set forth in the attached Exhibit A and which the Corporation desires to undertake in the future. Ashley Beeman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 7-2019.2. Aaron Farmer from Retail Coach gave an update to the Board about potential interest in Flatonia and the Board discussed but took no action on new strategies for utilizing Retail Coach.

Ginny Sears motioned to sponsor Cyndi Johnson as a local downtown business owner to attend the Jon Schallert Graduate Destination Boot Camp in Colorado, including allocation of EDC funds to defray such costs for this business owner in an amount not to exceed \$2000. Lenel Tamez seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

- 7-2019.3. No action was taken on the draft Business Incentive Program Guidelines as per recommendation of the committee.
- 7-2019.4. No action was taken on the approval of the Business Incentive Program to promote business development in the City of Flatonia as authorized by Sections 380 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code and the draft Guidelines as presented by the committee.
- 7-2019.5. Lenel Tamez motioned to recommend to the Flatonia City Council that the Economic Development Corporation's FY 2019 Budget be amended to allow for 1) the Utility Deposit Loan Program in the amount of \$10,000 and 2) an additional amount not to exceed \$2000 added to the Travel line item to reimburse travel expenses for Dennis Geesaman and Mark Eversole relating to the AMTRAK stop in Flatonia. Ashley Beeman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 7-2019.6. Ginny Sears motioned to accept the resignation of Lenel Tamez from the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Ashley Beeman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 7-2019.7. Ginny Sears motioned to recommend to the Flatonia City Council that Robert Dornak be appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Lenel Tamez on the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Ashley Beeman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of August, 2019

Signed

Dennis Geesaman President

Attest

Lenel Tamez Secretary