

Minutes
Flatonia Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2018

Present:

Board Members

Dennis Geesaman
Ginny Sears
Ashley Beeman
Lenel Tamez

City Staff

Mark McLaughlin – City Manager/General Manager
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary/Finance Manager
Angela Beck – City Attorney

Opening Agenda

President Dennis Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Public Hearing – opened at 6:05 p.m.

PH9-2018.1 Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public input on the advisability of utilizing economic development sales taxes to fund the Downtown National Historic District signage program to promote economic development in the City of Flatonia as authorized by Section 505 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Greg Cadlow spoke asking for help to keep the Lyric Theater “alive”.
James Longmire spoke asking about City Pride signs.

Closed at 6:08 p.m.

Reports

Board Member Reports

Ginny Sears reported on the responses that she received from representatives of different entities that she spoke to at the Retail Live conference. She reported that the most positive response she received was from the Sonic representative.

Lenel Tamez reported that her feedback from the Retail Live conference was that Starbucks stated that the city would have to be over 5000 in population. She further reported that there were some possibilities with Burkes, Dollar Tree and Shipley Donuts.

EDC President Report

President Geesaman reported that there were no significant changes to the AMTRAK situation.

Consent Agenda

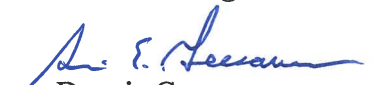
Lenel Tamez motioned to approve the consent agenda to include the minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting and the August 2018 Financial Report. Ashley Beeman seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 9-2018.1. No action was taken on strategies for utilizing Retail Coach
- 9-2018.2. Ginny Sears motioned to approve the grant application from Floy Farms for a Façade Improvement Grant. Lenel Tamez seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9-2018.3. Lenel Tamez motioned to authorize Dennis Geesaman and Ashley Beeman with Ginny Sears to attend the Economic Development Conference put on by Texas Municipal League in Bastrop on November 15-16, 2018. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9-2018.4. Lenel Tamez motioned to recommend to the Flatonia City Council that Gary Hoover be appointed to serve on the Flatonia Economic Development Board of Directors for a term of 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2020. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9-2018.5. Ginny Sears motioned to recommend to the Flatonia City Council to adopt a resolution after two separate readings approving the Downtown National Historic District Signage Program. Lenel Tamez seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 9-2018.6. No action was taken on business incentives to include small and/or large matching grants or loans as per recommendations of the committee appointed at the July 18, 2018 meeting as the committee has not met.
- 9-2018.7. No action was taken on the procedures necessary to make Flatonia a “Film Friendly City”.
- 9-2018.8. The Board discussed funding options for a wastewater line extension on 12th Street, this project being one defined under Chapter 501 of the Local Government Code.. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Signed


Dennis Geesaman
President

Approved this 18th day of October, 2018

Attest


Lenel Tamez
Secretary