

Minutes of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation

Regular Meeting April 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library

301 Saint Joseph Street

1. Call to Order

President Andy Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Director Connie Kacir gave the invocation and President Andy Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

Board Members present:

Andy Rodriguez, President

Ken Morrow, Director

Dan Blakemore, Director

Meena Patel, Vice President

Connie Kacir, Director

Larry Wehde, Treasurer

Board Members absent:

Gerri Lawing, Secretary

Staff in attendance:

Tim Patek, City Manager

Liz Reiley, Main Street Manager

Jennifer Kolbe, Economic Development Director

Guest in attendance:

Barbara Crozier

Kris McLane

Wayne Baker

Sherry Hill

Dane King

Kim Haynes

Greg McClain

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Daisy Scheske Freeman

Brad Cox

Matt Pennington

4. Petitions or Requests from the Public.

There were no petitions from the public.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for March 22, 2021, meeting.

Director Ken Morrow made the motion to approve the minutes. Director Connie Kacir seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion regarding the monthly financial report(s) for March 2021:
 - a. Balance Sheet
 - b. Financial Statement
 - c. Bank Reconciliation

Treasurer Larry Wehde presented the financial statements for March 2021. The financial statements will be filed for audit.

7. Workshop: Review and discuss the proposed budget for the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation for FY 2021-2022.
Staff presented a first draft of the proposed 2021-22 fiscal year budget and each board member was provide the opportunity to give feedback and input. No action was taken.
8. Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a request for funding from the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for funding in the amount of \$250,000 for improvements to 304 Saint Louis and to authorize staff the negotiate a performance agreement and publish notice.
A public hearing was opened at 6:12 p.m. and closed at 6:16 p.m. Barbara Crozier, Kim Haynes, Kris McClain, Dane King and Wayne Baker spoke in favor of the Chamber.
9. Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of a request for funding from the First United Methodist Church in the amount of \$15,000 for improvements to the Stockton Youth/Multipurpose Ministry Facility at 509 St. Lawrence and to authorize staff to negotiate a performance agreement and publish notice.
A public hearing was opened at 6:18 at 6:19 p.m. Pastor Matt Pennington spoke on behalf of the First Methodist Church Stockton Youth Center.
10. The GEDC Board went into closed session in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations at 6:20 p.m. The governmental body is not required to conduct and open meeting (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations. or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.
 - a. Gonzales Chamber of Commerce
 - b. First United Methodist Church
 - c. Project 2020-4
11. The GEDC Board reconvened to regular session and acted on items discussed in closed session referenced in agenda item 10.

Regarding the request from the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Director Connie Kacir made a motion to fund the request in two different instruments: \$125,000 would be in the form of a grant and \$125,000 in a loan at 1% interest for 5 years with a balloon. No payments would have to be made for 5 years and it can be prepaid and to authorize staff the negotiate a

performance agreement and publish notice. Vice President Meena Patel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the request from the First United Methodist Church, Director Connie Kacir made a motion to fund the request for the First United Methodist Church in the amount of \$15,000 and to authorize staff the negotiate a performance agreement and publish notice. Director Dan Blakemore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

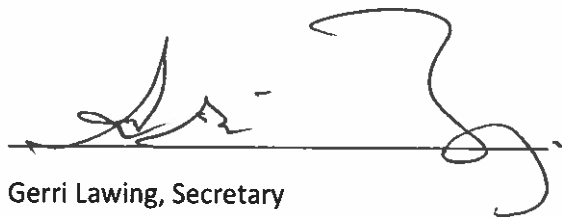
Regarding project 2020-4. Dan Blakemore made a motion to approve funding form Project 2020-4 in the amount of \$52,000 and to authorize staff to negotiate a performance agreement and publish notice. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Update from the Lynn Theater committee.

Director Blakemore reported that the roof on the Lynn is almost complete. The contractor had to bring in an electrician to raise two electrical conduits off the roofs edge. This will be an added expense but should be less than \$800.

Director Connie Kacir made a motion to adjourn Director Dan Blakemore seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 24 day of May 2021.



Gerri Lawing, Secretary



Andy Rodriguez