

Minutes
Flatonia Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2018

Present:

Board Members

Dennis Geesaman
Ginny Sears
Lenel Tamez
Annie Pustejovsky
Ashley Beeman
Brad Bass

City Staff

Mark McLaughlin – City Manager
Melissa Brunner – City Secretary
Angela Beck – City Attorney

Opening Agenda

President Dennis Geesaman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Reports

City Manager Report

City Manager McLaughlin Reported that the Restated and Amended Certificate of Formation was complete with assistance from the Secretary of State's office and was ready for signatures and then delivery to the Secretary of State.

EDC President Report

AMTRAK – Mark Eversole and Dennis Geesaman met with the head of Southwest Operations and they discussed creating a letter to help move this project through the political hoops. He also stated that they'd met with Senator Kolkhorst when she was in town and she was very supportive.

Retail Coach – Dennis reported that Aaron Farmer from Retail Coach should be at the next meeting.

Deliberation Agenda

- 4-2018.1. Brad Bass motioned to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2018.2. Lenel Tamez motioned to accept and file for audit purposes the April 2018 Financial Report for the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation. Brad Bass seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4-2018.3. The Board discussed the different possible business candidates for the City of Flatonia. No action was taken on strategies for utilizing Retail Coach.
- 4-2018.4. No action was taken on adding or removing potential projects from the projects list as set forth in attached Exhibit A which the Corporation desires to undertake in the future.

4-2018.5. Flatonia Chamber of Commerce President Allen Kocian stated that the Chamber property adjacent to Hudson St. was not now nor was there any indication that it would be for sale anytime in the near future.

The City Manager stated that he and Utility Director Pavlas agreed that it would be in the best interests of the City to straighten Hudson St.

No action was taken on the proposed Hudson Street realignment project with a proposed parking area that could be in the current Hudson Street right-of-way, or acquisition of adjacent property for a parking lot.

4-2018.6. Brad Bass motioned to proceed with the planning for a railroad pedestrian crossing project at the railroad crossing on the west side of Penn Street. Lenel Tamez seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

4-2018.7. No action was taken on approving the signage for the Downtown National Historic District Project.

4-2018.8. No action was taken on business incentives to include small and/or large matching grants or loans.

President Geesaman did appoint Lenel Tamez, Annie Pustejovsky and Ashley Beeman to a committee to come up with guidelines for a façade improvement program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Signed



Dennis Geesaman
President

Approved this 17th day of May, 2018

Attest



Lenel Tamez
Secretary