

Minutes
Flatonia Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2020

Present:

Board Members

Dennis Geesaman
Ginny Sears
Brad Bass
Ashley Beeman
Gary Hoover
Larry Haas

City Staff

Sarah Novo – 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 6:02 p.m.
President Geesaman led the invocation.

Workshop Agenda

WS5-2020.1 Board discussed the financial assistance programs the Economic Development Corporation can create to assist businesses who have been affected as a result of mandated changes to methods of operations due to COVID-19, including the types of businesses that will be included in the expanded list of businesses that can apply for the COVID-19 Small Business Utility Grant Program.

Consent Agenda

Ginny Sears motioned to approve consent agenda including the Minutes of the April 23, 2020 Special Meeting and the April 2020 Financial Report. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Deliberation Agenda

- 5-2020.1. President Geesaman read a note from Mayor Bryan Milson thanking the EDC Board for funding for the construction materials for the restrooms at 7-Acre Park and for the donation to the Splash Pad. Gary Hoover motioned to amend Exhibit A removing the current #6 regarding the grant match for Community Development Block Grant waterline extension behind the downtown businesses moving the other items on the list up. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.2. No action was taken on utilizing Retail Coach.
- 5-2020.3. Ginny Sears motioned to approve the contract with Retail Coach for one year at a total maximum cost of \$12,000 to include \$11, 500 in services plus up to \$500 in additional expenses. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. Brad Bass opposed. Motion carried.

- 5-2020.4. Ginny Sears motioned to recommend to the Flatonia City Council that the By-Laws of the Flatonia Economic Development Corporation be amended to reflect the title of city manager as the Registered Agent instead of a specific person and delete the portion that states that such change is appropriately reflected in the Certificate of Formation (the "Articles"). Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.5. Brad Bass motioned to approve the request from Ann L. Brown for a Façade Improvement Grant not to exceed \$2,000 for her business Galleria Texana located at 127 E. North Main St. Ginny Sears seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 5-2020.6. Ginny Sears motioned to include the following types of businesses as allowed businesses that can apply for the COVID-19 Small Business Utility Grant Program: locally owned, independent businesses that have been ordered to change their business operations due to the coronavirus who currently receive utility services through the City of Flatonia. Gary Hoover seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Signed

Approved this 18th day of June 2020

Dennis Geesaman
President

Signed

Ashley Beeman
Secretary FEDC

Attest

Melissa Brunner
FEDC Finance Manager
City Secretary