

West Tawakoni Economic Development Corporation

Regular Meeting ~~Agenda~~ Minutes

October 2, 2023

1. Call to Order

President Pam Reed called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Invocation

Elizabeth Osborne led the invocation.

3. Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

4. Roll Call

James Chemp, Pam Reed, Elizabeth Osborne, Kathey ONeal and Larry Pare were in attendance. Harry Rosario was not present. Four citizens were present.

5. Members presented a mock check for \$9300 to West Tawakoni Police Chief John Alderson for cameras to be erected at several locations in the city to help deter crime at homes and businesses. The \$9300 expenditure for these cameras was discussed and approved at a special meeting held July 13, 2023.

a. Movies in the Park October 21. The event was successfully held as scheduled at the WT City Park. Appreciation was expressed to the West Tawakoni VFD for providing hot dogs.

b. Market on the Lake October 14. This event will be held as scheduled.

c. Ticolini Circus Nov. 10, 11 and 12. Plans for the circus at City Park are proceeding as scheduled. Tickets will be available for purchase at WT City Hall and from city council members.

6. Citizen input related to Agenda. There was no citizen input.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from August. No minutes were available.

b. Approve bills paid and those to be paid. Expenditures of \$400 for speakers and \$100 for a projector to be utilized at Movies in the Park was discussed. A motion by James Chemp, seconded by Kathey ONeal, passed unanimously to pay all bills.

c. Financial report (profit and loss). President Reed reported that the corporation is under budget for last year.

d. Bank statement. Was reviewed.

8. New Business

- a. (Agenda items 10 and 11). Following an appeal from Jason Jones, owner of Fat Catz restaurant, members adjourned to executive session at approximately 7:30 p.m. to discuss assistance to Fat Catz for restaurant reopening expenses. The meeting reopened at 7:46 p.m. Elizabeth Osborne moved to loan Jones \$13,500 at 5 percent interest with payment due in 90 days. Larry Pare seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The loan will proceed pending city council approval. Jones may apply for a façade grant after the loan is repaid if he chooses.
- b. Discuss Business of the Month. Elizabeth Osborne moved to keep Dales as Business of the Month for October. Larry Pare seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Discuss covering playground equipment. Kathey Oneal reported that she has received two bids, one for \$12,000 to cover the pavilions, and another for \$9725 to replace the metal. Elizabeth Osborne moved to table the item until another bid can be received. The motion was seconded by James Chemp and carried unanimously.

9. Old Business

- a. Revisit and discuss Metalurgica LLC loan/grant. James Chemp moved to table the item until Metalurgica owner Harry Rosario could provide more information. The motion was seconded by Larry Pare and passed unanimously.
- b. Discuss "movies in the park" equipment. President Reed reported that a new more powerful projector and speakers had been purchased. Approximately 35-40 people attended the September movie. More are expected in October with cooler weather. October 21 movies (double feature) will be "Hocus Pocus" and "Haunted Mansion" to begin at 7:30 p.m. Kathey Osborne agreed to advertise it on social media. A motion by Kathey Oneal, seconded by Elizabeth Osborne to play the two movies passed unanimously.
- c. Discuss the next Meet and Greet. President Reed announced that the Chamber of Commerce building has been offered as a venue. The budget provides for it to be catered from Subway. Elizabeth Osborne moved, seconded by James Chemp, to hold the event to be catered by Subway on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the Chamber building. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Discuss 1300 E. Quinlan Pkwy. President Reed announced she will get bids for plumbing and electricity. She would like to ask Keep West Tawakoni Beautiful to help with flower beds on either side of a porch to help make the building more attractive on the outside. Members agreed by consent.
- e. Discuss Facebook page and website. President Reed reported that the website is up and running. She will place the meeting agenda on the website each month and will instruct the secretary on how to post the Minutes each month. The site received 446 hits last week and allows the Corporation to be very transparent.

10 and 11. Items were discussed and acted on earlier in the meeting.

12. Citizen input related to non-agenda items. There was no citizen input.

13. Adjourn. Kathey Oneal moved to adjourn, seconded by Larry Pare. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.