

West Tawakoni Economic Development Corporation

Regular Meeting Agenda

minutes

August 7, 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 O'Neal and Larry Pare were in attendance. Harry Rosario and Aliceson Zurovec were not present. Two citizens were present.

Agenda Item 9. At the suggestion of president Pam Reed, New Business (agenda item 9) was moved to a higher place on the agenda to accommodate citizens in attendance.

- a. Discuss and select business of the month. A motion by Kathey O'Neal, seconded by Elizabeth Osborne to select Dales Burgers as Business of the Month passed unanimously. The business will be highlighted on the website. New owners will be interviewed and appreciation will be expressed for their generous donations.
- b. Discuss Market on the Lake. Following a discussion of limited visibility of Market on the Lake, Elizabeth Osborne moved to allow Market vendors to utilize the front of EDC property for the monthly event. The motion was seconded by Larry Pare and passed unanimously.
- c. Discuss Cotton Patch Challenge sponsorship. The Cotton Patch Challenge, sponsored by the Greenville Rotary Club, is a 100-mile bicycle ride beginning in Greenville extending through Lone Oak and Pont, turning at Emory and going through East Tawakoni, West Tawakoni and Quinlan. Two Tawakoni Chamber of Commerce members discussed the September 16, 2023, event and the various sponsorships available for purchase. The Chamber will provide a rest stop for riders at the Chamber building. Food and drink vendors will be invited to set up to hopefully provide the best rest stop of the ride. A motion by Elizabeth Osborne, seconded by Kathey O'Neal to purchase the Finish Line sponsorship at a cost of \$2250 passed unanimously. Sponsors will be advertised by various means before and throughout the ride. Suggested wording of "Bring Your Business to the Lake" was suggested. President Reed pointed out that the sponsorship will use the last of the advertising budget for September.

5. **Announcements**

- a. Movies in the Park (Aug. 19) 8:30 p.m. (rain date Aug 28)
- b. Next Meet and Greet is August 24
- c. Cotton Patch Challenge Sept. 16
- d. Resignation of Aliceson Zurovec – President Reed announced the resignation of EDC board member Aliceson Zurovec due to the distance of her new job. Members expressed regret and appreciation for her work on the Bord.

6. **Citizen input-related to Agenda**

No citizens offered input.

7. **Consent Agenda** – A motion by James Chemp, seconded by Larry Pare, passed unanimously to approve the following items following discussion.

- a. Approval of Minutes of July.
- b. Approval of bills paid and those to be paid.
- c. Financial report (profit and loss).
- d. Bank statement.

8. **Old Business**

- a. Discuss sale of EDC property completed. Sale is completed.
- b. Discuss “movies in the park”/equipment.

President Reed announced that all enjoyed the July movie; however, there is need for a more powerful projector and sound system. Replacements will be considered at a cost of up to \$1000. August movie will be “Secrets of Jonathan Speery.”

- c. Discuss Meet and Greet.

Meet and Greet will be held August 24, 5-7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce building. EDC members volunteered to bring food. Elizabeth will bring a vegetable tray, Kathey will bring fruit, Larry will bring cookies, James will bring water and Pam will bring chicken salad cups.

- d. Discuss repairs that have been made to 1300 East Quinlan Parkway.

President Reed announced that the painting is completed, but the front of the porch needs to be leveled. Bids will be solicited for electrical and plumbing. The water to the building is fine, but some of the inside pipes have been capped off. She will check on sewer.

- e. Discuss Facebook page and website

Training for the website and Facebook page will be set up and scheduled.

- f. Discuss Atmos Energy contacts

James Chemp reported that the nearest gas pipeline is six miles away and the cost would be approximately \$7 million to bring it to West Tawakoni. Board consensus was that an industrial business might be willing to pay for it sometime in the future.

- 10. **Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss real property (Texas government code 551.072)**

No Executive Session was necessary.

- 11. **Return to open session**

No action was taken.

- 12. **Adjourn**

Following a motion by Elizabeth Osborne, seconded by Kathey O'Neal, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.