

**Economic Development Corporation – 4A
Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025**

Meeting of the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4A was called to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 12:03 pm at the City Hall Chamber, 114 S Washington St., Bronte, Tx. Board Members present were Katie Meeks, Ryan Webb, Darla Chisholm, and Cynthia Turner. Teresa Ballard, EDC coordinator, was also present.

A. Call to order, roll call, and quorum established by Katie Meeks.

B. Pledge of Allegiance led by Katie Meeks

C. Prayer by Katie Meeks

D. Public Comments

None

Regular Agenda

1. Cynthia Turner moved to approve August 20, 2024, and November 4, 2024, minutes, seconded by Ryan Webb. Ayes—All
2. Darla Chisholm moved to approve the December 2024 financials as presented, seconded by Ryan Webb. Ayes—All
3. Discussed paying ½ the Annual TMCN membership dues, sharing with 4B Board the \$250 annual amount. Ryan Webb moved to pay \$125 of the TMCN annual dues, which is one-half of the total cost, seconded by Darla Chisholm. Ayes—All
4. Discussed and reviewed the 2024 Christmas in Olde Bronte Event. The Restoring Bronte Foundation Christmas in Olde Bronte Committee met last Friday and Cynthia reported that the committee agreed that the event went very well. Suggestions for next year include using Christmas cards rather than the 12 Days of Christmas theme; start the event much earlier, the Saturday after Thanksgiving; and illuminate the lights sooner so they can be enjoyed much longer.
5. Discussed electing EDC 4A Board officers for 2025. Current officers include:
 - Katie Meeks—President (entered 2024)
 - Ryan Webb—Vice President (entered 2019)
 - Darla Chisholm—Secretary (entered 2022)
 - Mikah Davidson—Treasurer (entered 2019)
 - Cynthia Turner—Member (entered 2024)

Darla Chisholm moved to re-elect the current officers for 2025, seconded by Cynthia Turner. Ayes—All

Open Discussion

- Teresa reminded members of the upcoming Sales-Tax training. She is working on a date for an evening training here in Bronte, rather than individuals attending training in Abilene or taking online training. The cost for in-house training is \$1500.
- Work remains to be done on Cemetery signs.
- Future agenda should include consideration of a sign for the fire department, costing about \$25,000.
- Discussed the possibility of providing funds to help the Emergency Services District (ESD). The ESD committee meets every month. Teresa will check to see what is allowed and what, if anything, can be done to help ESD and will report at the next meeting.
- Discussed a project to provide reflective house numbers so that ESD emergency vehicles can quickly and easily find houses. Since there are no curbs, the location of house numbers needs to be researched. The estimated cost for the project is about \$20,000.
- Katie reported that the baseball fields will need help. The Baseball Association meets in February, and more information about their needs will be available at that time.
- Discussed the progress of the TXDOT sidewalks project. New sidewalks start at the Nursing Home, will continue north on 277, turn west on Main Street, and continue past the fire station. There will be five new streetlights downtown; American Electric Power (AEP) will put in electric. However, new, attractive lampposts are not allowed. Will investigate the possibility of placing attractive lampposts at the Depot area.
- Discussed the optimal date and time to hold meetings. EDC 4A Board currently meets at noon on scheduled Mondays. Members agreed that future meetings should take place at noon on Tuesdays.
- Next 4A Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 at noon.

Ryan Webb moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darla Chisholm. Ayes—All

Adjourned meeting at 12:41 pm.



President



Secretary