

Economic Development Corporation – 4B  
Special Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2021

Quorum

The special meeting of the Economic Development Corporation – 4B was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Bronte City Hall Council Room, 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Tx.

1. Quorum established. Present: Reese Braswell, Susan Williams, Brenda Hines, Mikah Davidson, Gwen Dyess and Marlene Vaughn. Absent: Linda Scott and Andra Arrott, Clerical. Also present, Teresa Ballard City Secretary.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Reese.
3. Prayer by Susan.
4. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
5. Discuss/Act – Approval of Minutes
6. Minutes of May 10, 2021 Public Hearing – Motion to approve by Gwen, and seconded by Marlene. Ayes – All.
7. Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021. Motion to approve minutes with changes by Susan. Seconded by Brenda. Ayes – all.
8. Review financials – No action.

New Business:

9. Discuss/Act – Update on Loan Forgiveness Loan Grants – Discussion/Update by Gwen regarding Zach's Smokehouse. Did not pass inspection and is waiting on Health Department permit. They are behind by about 3 months. Mentioned that he needs to keep his lot mowed and looking good until such time as he is doing business. \$1,732.20 is owed when receipts are turned in for fence. Still need reports from Cactus Rose and Larry's Tire as well, which is due in July. Girls at the Kickapoo are due to turn in financials in June. Susan inquired as to whether or not all had changed sales tax to Bronte. Ashby has, but not sure about Moriah, who had Robert Lee as recipient. Susan suggested that Rusty Bell, being for sale and wanting to sell the west lots. Maybe when building sells, could get lots in lieu of money EDC put into business.
10. Discuss/Act – EDC Clerk Andra Arrott retiring August 31, 2021. Just informing board for their information.
11. Discuss/Act – Consider sponsorship Bronteoberfest 2021 on October 16, 2021. Discussed the events and desire to sponsor or donate to events. After discussion, motion was made by Mikah to donate \$1,000 to the Cook-off and an additional \$1,000 to the "Running of the Weiners", for Bronteoberfest 2021. Teresa will send email to Jodie Arrott (RBF) to inform her.
12. Discuss/Act – Consider replacing Mr. Braswell on the personnel subcommittee. Reese discussed with board applicant for EDC Director of Operations. Only applicant presently is his wife and so call was made to TML to check regarding nepotism laws. While it was not mandatory for Reese to excuse himself as a board member, he feels that he should resign because of her application. Will put notice in the paper in the morning and end applications on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Personnel Committee will interview and present candidates to both boards and boards will hire. Recommendations plan to be made for position by August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
13. Discuss/Act – Consider salary for EDC Directors of Operations – Reese provided information regarding salary guidelines. Susan reported she had spoken with Sterling City EDC regarding salary, duties, etc. Lengthy discussion regarding expectations and salary for this position. Motion was made by Mikah to set the salary by EDC 4B at \$10,000 per year for one year. Gwen seconded. Ayes - All
14. Discuss/Act – Consider amending FY221 budget – Reese noted that the budget allowed for \$15,000, and we have already spent \$19,170.00 on Loan Forgiveness Grant. Suggested we amend budget, as \$19,170.00 has already been spent of \$15,000.00 budgeted on Loan Forgiveness Grant. Reese suggested moving \$10,000.00 from Loan Forgiveness Grant into Store Front Improvement Grant. Motion by Mikah to move \$10,000.00 from Loan Forgiveness Grant to Store Front Improvement Grant. Seconded by Gwen. Ayes – All. Since Store Front Grant has been "sun setted" should leave \$20,000.00 in Loan Forgiveness Grant. Motion by Gwen to add \$3500.00 to salaries, as indicated by #13 above. Motion by Gwen and seconded by Mikah. Ayes – All.

Open Discussion

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

  
REESE BRASWELL, PRESIDENT

  
BRENDA HINES, SECRETARY