

Gun Barrel City
Economic Development Corporation
1720 W. Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas 75156

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:00pm
Council Chambers
1716 W. Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas 75156

Minutes

Call to order/Establishment of Quorum: Present: Diane Johannes, Keith Bond, Brandi Simpson, Ron Wyrick.
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Citizen's Comments – None
2. Discuss/Take Action to approve the Minutes from February 17, 2022 EDC Meeting. Ron Wyrick moved to approve the Minutes from the February 17, 2022 EDC Meeting and Keith Bond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Discuss/Take Action to schedule a budget workshop before our April meeting. The Board asked Director to get dates from CPA and bring them back to the Board. It has been difficult to get responses from the CPA as it is tax season. Ron Wyrick expressed frustration at the the CPA being unavailable April and May. The Director suggested possibly asking Misty Culpepper, our auditor to facilitate a workshop. Keith Bond asked if we need an hour or an hour and a half. Brandi Simpson suggested an hour and a half would be better. No vote was taken.
4. Open Public Hearing for Holland Whitten Façade Grant. Board President, Diane Johannes, opened the floor for Public Hearing by stating:

In accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Section 505.159 of the Texas Local Government Code, a public hearing will be held by the Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation, a Type B corporation, on March 8, 2022 at 6pm in the Gun Barrel City Council Chambers on a Façade Grant in the amount of \$6315.00 to Holland Whitten for R-2022-004. (This amount was changed to "not to exceed \$5000" because that is the largest amount allowable for a Façade Grant.)

No comments were made.

5. Close Public Hearing
6. Open Public Hearing for ETCOG Expenditure. Board President, Diane Johannes, opened the floor for Public Hearing by stating:

In accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Section 501.103 and 505.158 of the Texas Local Government Code, a public hearing will be help by the Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation, a Type B corporation, on March 8, 2022 at 6pm in the Gun Barrel City Council Chambers to consider an expenditure not to exceed \$3500 for the East Texas Council of Governments Regional Broadband Local Match project.

No Comments were made.

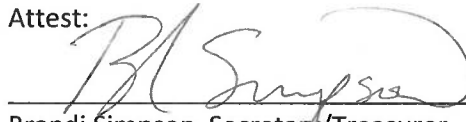
7. Close Public Hearing
8. Discuss/Take Action to approve reserving a table for 8 at the Chamber Awards Banquet for \$280. This event will take place on March 21, 2022 at the Cedar Creek Country Club. Keith Bond moved to approve reserving a table at the Chamber Awards Banquet for \$280 and Brandi Simpson seconded. The Director explained this is something the EDC has supported in the past and pointed out that the Chamber does a lot to support our local businesses. Ron Wyrick stated that he is very much in support of this. Motion passed unanimously. (This item came out of the Advertising Budget line.)
9. Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Deliberations about Economic Development Negotiations as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.087. Board adjourned at 6:12pm.
10. Reconvene into Open Session to Discuss/Take Action on items discussed in Executive Session at 6:35
 - a. Loan in Default: Keith Bond made a motion to instruct the attorney to prepare a letter of Default allowing 30 days to cure the Default. Ron Wyrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. P-2022-004 – New Façade Grant Request: Brandi Simpson made a motion to approve a Façade Grant request from Gun Barrel City Pharmacy in the amount of \$3579.50. Ron Wyrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. P-2022-005 – Renovation Grant Request: Brandi Simpson made a motion to approve a Renovation Grant request for Waves, An Upscale Lounge, with David Westerfield in the amount of \$25,000.00. Keith Bond seconded. Ron Wyrick he supports continued improvements along that area on S. Gun Barrel Lane. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Adjourn at 6:40pm.

Prepared by:



Robin Sykora, Executive Director

Attest:



Brandi Simpson, Secretary/Treasurer