

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
MINUTES – DECEMBER 4 , 2017 - 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCES

Chairwoman Crissy O’Neal called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. She led the Pledges and offered the invocation. Members present were Ms. O’Neal, James Ryan, Steve Sucher, Tommy Cox and Gerri Lawing, newly appointed. Dewey Smith was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comments section of the meeting is for citizens to address the Gonzales Economic Development Directors (as a whole). No interaction will be held between the speaker and the GEDC.

No one made Comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes
2. August 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes
3. September 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes
4. October 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Ms. O’Neal called for a motion to approve all four meeting’s minutes. S. Sucher moved to approve the minutes as presented. J. Ryan seconded the motion. Ms. O’Neal called for any discussion. There being none, she called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 6:05 PM Ms. O’Neal cited Section 551.071 and Section 551.072 as the Board entered into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. SECTION 551.071 - To seek legal advice from Board’s Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Sleep Inn and Holiday Inn
6. SECTION 551.072 – To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property – Saint George Street Property

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 6:32 PM

7. Discuss and Consider any action resulting from Executive Session
SECTION 551.071 – Sleep Inn and Holiday Inn: Ms. O’Neal called for any action resulting from Executive Session. James Ryan moved to authorize the GEDC staff and GEDC attorney to send notice regarding the Sleep Inn and Holiday Inn on the terms as discussed in executive session. Steve Sucher seconded the motion. C. O’Neal called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

SECTION 551.072 St. George Street Property: Tommy Cox moved to accept the highest offer of \$34,000.00 cash for the purchase of the St. George Street Property. J. Ryan seconded the motion. S. Sucher asked how many votes were needed to carry the vote. Ms. O’Neal stated that three votes were needed because five members of the Board were present. Ms. O’Neal called for the vote. The motion carried 4 Ayes to one abstention. S. Sucher abstained.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Accept letter of resignation from Board Chair with an effective date of Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Ms. O'Neal submitted her resignation effective on December 5, 2017, citing her recent promotion and relocation out of the City limits of Gonzales. J. Ryan moved to accept Ms. O'Neal's resignation reluctantly. G. Lawing seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. Discuss and Consider the election of officers for the fiscal year 2017 – 2018; A. President, B. Vice President, C. Secretary, D. Treasurer
Ms. O'Neal called for nominations by the individual office. Tommy Cox nominated James Ryan for President. Mr. Ryan declined and nominated Dewey Smith. C. O'Neal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. T Cox nominated J Ryan for the office of Vice President. Mr. Ryan declined and indicated that he would prefer to serve as the Treasurer. S. Sucher nominated T Cox for Vice President. J. Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. S. Sucher nominated J Ryan for the office of Treasurer. T. Cox seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. T. Cox nominated Gerri Lawing for the office of Secretary. J. Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
2017-2018 Slate of Officers
Dewey Smith, President
Tommy Cox – Vice President
James Ryan – Treasurer
Gerri Lawing – Secretary
10. Discuss and Consider whether to renew a Certificate of Deposit with a maturity date of 12/23/2017 or move to another financial institution
After a brief discussion which included the interest rates at the local banking institutions for 6 months, 12 months and 36 months, Tommy Cox moved to notify First National Bank of Shiner that the Board will move the CD and instructed staff to deposit the funds in the GEDC checking account at Sage Captial Bank. James Ryan seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/FINANCIAL REPORTS

11. Financial Report -Crissy O'Neal
C. O'Neal presented the financials. G. Lawing asked if she missed the revenue collections in the packet. Ms. Young stated that she normally provides a flow chart with the revenues included. C. O'Neal pointed out that revenue collections totaled approximately \$150,000.00 to date; slightly exceeding projections.

T Cox recognized Keith Brown's passing in November and asked that Ms. Young send a letter of recognition and condolences to Mr. Brown's family. Ms. Young confirmed that she would and would seek the Board member's signatures before sending.

Ms. Young welcomed Gerri Lawing to the GEDC Board. C. O'Neal recognized William Hill from US Congressman Farenthold's office, and the Board thanked him for attending the meeting.

Ms. Young thanked the Board for their support for the BYK expansion project. She recognized all entities for the partnership and support for the successful bid.

Ms. Young and the Board members thanked Crissy O'Neal for her service and wished her much success with her relocation. Ms. Young thanked the Board members for their service and commitment to the GEDC Board in 2017.

ADJOURN

Ms. O'Neal called for a motion to adjourn. T. Cox moved to adjourn. J. Ryan seconded the motion, and the Board adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

***The entire audio minutes of each GEDC Meeting are on file, with the approved typed minutes, in the GEDC Office.**

Dewey Smith, President

Gerry Lawing, Secretary