

**GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET**

MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2019 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCES

Dewey Smith, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m., led the Pledges of Allegiance, and offered the invocation. Mr. Smith certified a quorum with Dewey Smith, Tommy Cox, Dan Blakemore, Andy Rodriguez, Gerri Lawing, and Larry Wehde present.

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 Board.

Bob Burchard expressed his concerns for a rumor he heard that the Board might be involved with the development of a Fire Fighting school. He gave a brief background of the Fire Fighter School which Victoria College taught at one time. Mr. Burchard suggested the Old Jail Museum and the Guadalupe River might be projects for the Board to consider. He expressed his desire to understand how someone would approach the Board to take these projects under advisement.

There being no others signed up to make Public Comments, Mr. Smith moved the agenda forward to Executive Session 551.071 at 6:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will hold a closed Executive Session meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

Section 551.071 to seek advice from the Board’s attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation – Arnulfo and Ruth Guerra

- A. A. Guerra Enterprise, LLC, d/b/a Holiday Inn Express Suites
- B. Arnulfo Guerra and Ruth Guerra, d/b/a Sleep Inn and Suites

Sections 551.072 and 551.087 - to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the GEDC has received from a business prospect and deliberate the offer of financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- 1. Discuss and Consider any action resulting from Executive Session**
 - a. A. Guerra Enterprise, LLC, d/b/a Holiday Inn Express Suites
 - b. Arnulfo Guerra and Ruth Guerra, d/b/a Sleep Inn and Suites

No action was taken by the Board

- 2. Discuss and Consider any action resulting from Executive Session**

- a. Purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, and Offer of financial or other incentive to a business prospect

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. June 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Andy Rodriguez moved to approve. Dan Blakemore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. July 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Gerri Lawing informed the Board she will provide the July 8, 2019 meetings at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

5. July 2019 Financial Report – Christina Jahns with Larry Wehde

Larry Wehde, Treasurer presented the July Financials. The Board accepted the Financials as presented.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

6. Committee Appointments by Dewey Smith, Board President

In an effort to better understand future development needs and more especially that of industry, I hereby create and appoint the Expansion and Enhancement Committee (GEDEEC) to serve as investigators and Board representatives in discovering specific opportunities that may be available either with or independent of other locally empowered organizations and like minded organizations of like purpose and interest and in so doing, the following Board members will be appointed to this Committee; Andy Rodriguez, Chairman, Tommy Cox to fill the second spot, and Gerri Lawing to fill the third spot on this Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Receive, Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action approving a request for incentives from Livestock Nutrition Center for required infrastructure improvements at the Gonzales facility located in the Gonzales Industrial Park, set date for a Public Hearing, and authorize staff to post notice of Public Hearing

After a detailed presentation by Hailey Rayburn of Livestock Nutrition Center, Dan Blakemore moved to table the item until the Board has more information. Gerri Lawing seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss, Consider and Possible Action recommending City Council approval of a new Board member to fill the seat vacated by Steve Sucher

Andy Rodriguez moved to recommend Clint Hille for City Council appointment to the GEDC Board. Larry Wehde seconded, and the motion passed 4 to 2. Dewey Smith, Andy Rodriguez, Larry Wehde, and Tommy Cox voted Aye. Dan Blakemore and Gerri Lawing voted Nay.

9. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action approving quotes for bathroom repairs at the Lynn theater

Ms. Young briefed the Board regarding the status of securing quotes for bathroom repairs. Gerri Lawing moved to Discuss and Consider quotes. Andy Rodriguez seconded the motion. Ms. Lawing suggested the Board members provide Ms. Young with other possible contractors. After a brief discussion, Mr. Rodriguez withdrew his second and Ms. Lawing amended her original motion to include *Possible Action*; Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action approving quotes, and Mr. Rodriguez seconded the amended motion. The Board decided to table the item until more quotes are presented for consideration. Dewey Smith called for a vote to table the item. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

10. Discuss updates to the GEDC 2019 – 2020 2-Year Strategic Plan

Ms. Young scrolled through the Goals of the Strategic Plan noting where items are complete, ongoing, on target, tabled, no action.

ADJOURN

Dan Blakemore moved to Adjourn, and Larry Wehde seconded the motion. The Board Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Dewey Smith, Board President

Gerri Lawing, Secretary