

CITY OF GONZALES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION REGULAR MEETING  
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING - CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS  
820 ST. JOSEPH STREET  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 22, 2018 - 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Board Vice-President Tommy Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Cox certified a quorum of the Board with Tommy Cox, Gerri Lawing, Dan Blakemore and Larry Wehde present. Absent were Dewey Smith, Steve Sucher and James Hamilton.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **September 24, 2018 Motion made by Gerri Lawing to accept the minutes, seconded by Dan Blakemore. Motion carried unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

2. **Financial Report --- Presented by Larry Wehde.**

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

3. **Economic Development Committee Appointments by Dewey Smith, Board President. Appointments presented and made by Vice-President Tommy Cox in Mr. Smith's absence. Gerri Lawing, Larry Wehde and Dan Blakemore appointed to Economic Development Committee effective immediately.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible action setting dates, times, and locations for the GEDC meetings for FY 2019 - 2020 After discussion Motion made to table by Gerri Lawing, seconded by Larry Wehde. Motion Carried.**
5. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible action removing James Ryan as a signatory from all GEDC Financial accounts, approving Larry Michael Wehde, Dewey Jacob Bauer Smith, Board President, and Laura Zella, City Finance Director as signatories to all GEDC Financial Accounts Motion made to remove James Ryan as a signatory from all GEDC financial accounts and approve Larry Michael Wehde, Dewey Jacob Bauer Smith and Laura Zella as signatoried for all GEDC financial accounts.**
6. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible action amending GEDC Funding Programs and new Funding Application Forms. Board requested that Director Genora Young come back to the board with more complete applications for consideration. After considerable discussion Motion to Table by Dan Blakemore, Seconded by Larry Wehde. Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Receive, Discuss, Consider, and Possible action regarding a Loan/Grant Application from Edwards Furniture for a new roof, set the date for a Public Hearing, and authorize staff to post notice of the Public Hearing Application presented by Genora Young**
  - **Motion made to receive, discuss and consider application from Edwards Furniture. Motion made by Dan Blakemore, seconded by Larry Wehde. Motion carried.**
  - **Motion made to approve a \$10,000 performance grant for Edwards Furniture for roof repairs and set a public hearing on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Motion made by Larry Wehde, seconded by Gerri Lawing. Gerri Lawing, Dan Blakemore voting yes. Larry Wehde, Tommy Cox voting no.**
  - **Motion made to fund Edwards Furniture request in the amount of \$16,000 and set a public hearing for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Larry Wehde, second by Dan Blakemore, Motion Carried Unanimously.**

8. Receive, Discuss, Consider and Possible action approving the 2017 - 2018 Annual Report to be presented to City Council at the November 2018 City Council meeting.  
**Motion made to approve the GEDC 2017-2018 Annual Report. Motion made by Dan Blakemore, seconded by Larry Wehde. Motion carried unanimously.**
9. Discuss, Consider, and Possible action approving a Vision Statement and finalizing edits to the 2019 - 2020 Strategic Plan  
**Motion made to table approval and authorize staff to coordinate with Alysia Cook/Opportunity Strategies. Motion made by Gerri Lawing, seconded by Dan Blakemore. Motion carried unanimously.**


#### COMMITTEE/FINANCIAL REPORTS


10. Hwy 183 Beautification Committee - Tommy Cox - **No updates**
11. Governance Committee - Steve Sucher - **No updates**
12. Staff Update- Projects Updates, Improvements at the Lynn Theater -
  - Genora Young gave updates on Lynn Theatre including rusting around HVAC systems. Asked White's to look at and will report.
  - Spoke with A1 Shiner to upgrade fire alarm systems. Both White's and A1 will start work immediately.
  - Inquired with insurance company if any hail damage claims could be made to sign damage.

#### ADJOURN

**Motion made to adjourn. Motion made by Gerri Lawing, seconded by Larry Wehde. Motion carried unanimously.**

Audio minutes of each GEDC meeting are on file in the GEDC office.

  
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Dewey Smith, Board President

  
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Gerri Lawing, Secretary