

**MINUTES OF THE
KEENE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

Board members Present: Aaron Moses, Nick Chesney, Roy Robinson, Donnie Beeson, and Cheryl Schram

Board members Absent: Ricky Stephens and Russ Ziegler

Consisting of a quorum

STAFF MEMBERS: Molly Martin, Nathan Drambareanu, Michael Boese, Charles Williams and Cheryl McClain

CALLED TO ORDER: Vice President Aaron Moses called the Regular meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Pledge – Aaron Moses

1. President's announcements/public forum.

No announcements

2. Citizen Comments –

No one present to speak

3. Discuss and take action on the meeting minutes for January 21, 2020.

MEMBER D. BEESON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 21ST MEETING AS WRITTEN. MEMBER C. SCHRAM SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS.

4. Approval of Financial Statement Ending January 2020.

EDC Director M. Martin stated that this is showing the sales tax and any invoices that have been paid since September of 2019 due to the Ransomware the city experienced late last year.

City Manager M. Boese went over the financials briefly and stated that the numbers reflect Mr. Adams' severance package as well as Mrs. Martin's salary up to this last pay period.

MEMBER N. CHESNEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS PRESENTED. MEMBER R. ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS.

5. Discussion and take action regarding an offer of the 5 acres owned by the Economic Business Development Corporation on Wallen Ridge.

Vice president A. Moses stated that he felt the members should discuss this item, however, felt any action would need to wait until the entire board was present.

There was discussion as to the amount of money the board would lose if the offer was accepted. There was also discussion as to the reason the B board purchased the property in the first place.

Board member R. Robinson asked staff to reach out to TXDOT and see if they have any future plans for that area since there probably will not be an exit off of 67, maybe they will allow the traffic flow to resume back to two way.

BOARD MEMBER R. ROBINSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ANY ACTION REGARDING THE 5 ACRES ON WALLEEN RIDGE UNTIL THE MARCH MEETING. BOARD MEMBER C. SCHRAM SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION PASSED WITH A VOTE OF 3 AYES (ROBINSON, MOSES AND BEESON) AND 2 NAYS (SCHRAM AND CHESNEY).

6. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the proposed walking trails/sidewalk connecting Fourth street, S. Easter, and Fairview to Elisa Carver Park.

EDC Director M. Martin went over the proposed sidewalk-trail plan with the board. The plan is to tackle the project in phases, starting near the schools. The Sidewalk-Trail project will connect all the schools and the city park to complete approximately 3.42 miles of sidewalk-trail.

Board member R. Robinson asked staff to look for any grants out there that the city could try and obtain.

7. Discussion and possible action adopting the City of Keene's Financial Policy.

EDC Director M. Martin stated that this is adopting the current city's financial policy.

Board member C. Schram asked if there was a policy currently in place.

EDC Director M. Martin replied, not at this time but by adopting this policy, it would pertain to both boards and the policy would then be city wide.

MEMBER D. BEESON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE CITY OF KEENE'S FINANCIAL POLICY AS PRESENTED. MEMBER R. ROBINSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 5 AYES AND 0 NAYS.

8. Director's Report:

EDC Director M. Martin gave the board an update on the following.

- She had researched the flags as requested and found that the flags are \$75.00 but wasn't sure if this included the metal portion that is in the ground. There are a few issues regarding the location of the flags and if it may be a TXDOT issue or maybe a concern of safety since the flags basically stop where the curb and gutter stop along Old Betsy Road. She stated she would do some additional research regarding the price and location if they would like. Board Member D. Beeson stated no further action needs to be taken.
- She thanked the Public Works department for filling the potholes in the parking lot of the park.
- The soils test has been conducted for the pavilion.
- The shade sails should be going up in the next two weeks.
- She has been working with our City Engineers regarding the location of the proposed restrooms in the park to adjust for floodway.
- Next board meeting (March) they will be electing/re-electing officers for the board and also some board members are up for re-election.
- Reminded everyone that the Community Expo is this Sunday, February 23rd.

9. Request for future agenda items:

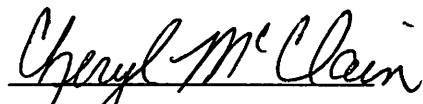
There were none.

10. Adjourn:

There being no further business or discussions, board member D. Beeson made a motion to adjourn. Board member N. Chesney seconded the motion and the Board adjourned at 4:19 PM.



Aaron Mosses, Vice President



ATTEST: Cheryl McClain,
Recording Secretary