

**MINUTES OF THE
KEENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(TYPE A EDC) REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023**

PRESENT: Don Beeson Sr., Carl Wright, Wes Schram, Samantha Gillin, and Cody Thornton

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT:

- **Brent Batla – City Manager**
- **Don Martin – Assistant City Manager**
- **Tabatha Mansell – City Secretary**
- **Charles Williams – Finance Director**

CALLED TO ORDER: Board President Beeson Sr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation – Board Member Schram.

Pledge of Allegiance – Board Member Gillin led.

1. **President's Remarks – Requested to cancel September meeting, no objections.**
2. **City's Administration Remarks – City Manager Brent Batla presented the board of the Keene Chamber of Commerce's request for donation to help with extending flags along Old Betsy. Presented a community opportunity to create a Christmas market. Assistant City Manager Don Martin updated the board on developments.**
3. **Citizens Comments – None.**
4. **Consider approval of the Keene Type A EDC minutes for July 19, 2023.**

Board Member Gillin moved to approve the Keene Type A EDC minutes for June 21, 2023, seconded by Board Member Schram.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

5. **Consider approval of the financial statement ending June 30, 2023.**

Finance Director Charles Williams briefed the board on the financial statement.

Board Member Gillin spoke on the topic.

Assistant City Manager Don Martin spoke on the topic.

Board Member Wright spoke on the topic.

Board Member Schram spoke on the topic.

Board Member Thornton spoke on the topic.

Board President Beeson Sr. spoke on the topic.

Board Member Wright moved to approve the financial statement ending June 30, 2023, seconded by Board Member Thornton.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0-0.

6. Discussion and possible action on the Economic Development Corporation FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget.

Assistant City Manager Don Martin presented the proposed budget.

Board Member Schram spoke on the topic.

Board President Beeson Sr. spoke on the topic.

City Manager Brent Batla spoke on the topic.

Board Member Wright spoke on the topic.

Board Member Thornton spoke on the topic.

Board Member Gillin spoke on the topic.

Board Member Gillin moved to approve the Economic Development Corporation FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, seconded by Board Member Schram.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0-0.

7. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (real property), 551.073 (prospective gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (security matters), 551.087 (economic development). Executive Session may be held, under these exceptions, at the end of the Regular Session, Workshop and/or Special Session, or at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the Board to seek advice from the City Attorney as to the posted subject matter of this Meeting.

No Executive Session.

8. Reconvene into open session for possible action resulting from any item posted discussed in executive session.
9. Request for future agenda items.

- A flag donation discussion, if necessary.
- Discussion on selling or investing in Industrial Park property.
- Detailed list of job duties for a full-time employee for mowing.
- Type A & B boards work together to provide extra workspace for the Police and Fire Departments.

10. Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

By: 
Don Beeson Sr., Board President

Attest: 
Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary