MDD BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2020

**PRESENT**: Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Jim McKenzie, Jeff Allen, Karen Hunt

**LOCATION:** City HallCouncil Chambers (200 E. 4th St., Sweetwater, TX 79556)

**CALL TO ORDER**: 10:00 AM by Carolyn Lawrence

**PRAYER:** Karen Hunt

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ACTION ITEMS**:

**MINUTES**: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the October 9, 2020 meeting. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the minutes. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the minutes. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the accounts payable. Gil Cherry seconded. Russ Petty abstained from the vote. The motion carried 3-0.

**FINANCIALS**: Board to review and consider approving the September 2020 financial statements. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the financials. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**FAÇADE:** Board to review and consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant for Taqueria Rodrigues located at 1304 E. Broadway. Gil Cherry made the motion to award grant funds not to exceed an amount of $6,611.68. Jerod Peek seconded. Russ Petty abstained from the vote. The motion carried 3-0.

**FAÇADE:** Board to review and consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant for SACLM, LLC for the property located at 223 and 225 Oak Street, and 103,105,107,109, and 113 3rd Street. Jerod Peek made the motion to award grant funds not to exceed an amount of $13,832.14. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**REMODELING INCENTIVE:** Board to review and consider approving a remodeling incentive contract for the Locust Street Apartments located at 1011 Locust Street. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the incentive contract and provide funding in an amount not to exceed $22,000.00. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MARKETING DIRECTOR’S REPORT (MIESHA ADAMES):**

* Website development update
* Façade Improvement Grant update: businesses that want to do the Façade Program are having trouble finding contractors
* XLR8 and Retail Academy Presentation: Miesha and Karen

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE (KEN BECKER):**

* Economic Development: Ludlum Measurements and Icy Breeze
* Housing Update: Patio homes, The Oaks Apartments, Southwood Terrace addition

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Gil Cherry to enter into Executive Session under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, to discuss economic development negotiations. No action will be taken in the Executive Session as it is not permitted by law. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:** A motion was made by Jerod Peek to re-enter into Regular Session with a second from Russ Petty. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Gil Cherry made the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.