MDD BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2020

**PRESENT**: Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Joseph Crouch, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Dana Schoening, Jeff Allen

**LOCATION:** First Financial Bank (201 Elm St., Sweetwater, TX.) upstairs board room

**CALL TO ORDER**: 10:31 AM by Carolyn Lawrence

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ACTION ITEMS**:

**MINUTES**: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the May 11th, 2020 meeting. Joseph Crouch 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. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-001:** Board to review and consider approving Resolution No. 2020-001 in regards to confirming the City of Sweetwater’s ownership of SEED MDD funded Park Improvements. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-001. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BOARD:** Board to review and consider approving Ken Becker’s application to continue to serve as the economic development representative for Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas. Jerod Peek made the motion to allow Ken to continue to serve. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF SWEETWATER UPDATE:**

* **Dana Schoening**
  + Texas Communities Group Activity Report: In the time period of 06/01/2019-05/31/2020, 38 properties were sold. These sales brought in a total of $13,545.40 and these properties are back on the tax roll.
  + Asbestos Survey Report: Received reports from eHt and will be going out for bids on 6/10/2020 to have the asbestos removed from the 4 commercial properties that were surveyed.

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

* Google Analytics
* Oaks Apartments Update: Remodeled a total of 12 units and have 5 additional units that are leased out and waiting on remodeled units.
* Digital Services Update
  + Website: Miesha has narrowed the website developer selection down to two candidates out of 5 and will have proposals by 06/17/2020.
  + Retail attraction services and examples of what kind of services are available from a few companies was discussed.

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

* Budget retreat scheduling discussion.
* Board member term update.
* Economic Development Update for the Logistics Industry: Ken gave an update on how Buzzi, Tank Star, Cape and Son, Dent Trucking, and Logistic Support are doing with their business operations.

**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. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There being no further business, Gil Cherry made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joseph Crouch. The motion carried unanimously.