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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 30, 2018

PRESENT: Billy Whisenant, Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Ken Becker, Larissa Place, Patty Torres, Joseph Crouch, David Vela

CALL TO ORDER: 10:28 AM by Billy Whisenant

PRAYER: Jerod Peek

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the July 23, 2018 meeting. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried. Board to review and consider approving minutes from the August 6th Board Retreat. The board would like them rewritten. This action item was tabled.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the accounts payables. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the June 2018 financial statements. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the financials. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

FY 2018/2019 BUDGET: Board to review and consider approving the FY 2018/19 Budget.

- Change the Sales tax income to \$950,000
- Change Interest Income to \$100,000
- 5600 – “Corrections” to “Rebranding”
- 5771 – Remove Logistics Support and Blackland
- 5774 – Change Splash pads to \$750,000
- 5776 – Remove 501-C3 Incentive Program
- 5777 – Add \$100,000 for Substandard Structure Removal

Board to consider entering Executive Session. Jerod Peek made the motion to move into Executive Session. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried.

Board to consider re-entering Regular Session. Gil Cherry motion to re-enter into Regular Session. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE (David Vela): David Vela and Patty Torres presented early due to another meeting

- Texas Communities Group is starting to get bids on properties, they are working on taking over properties that are currently under city tax codes. TCG is handling all the paperwork to assign to the city. There are currently 20-30 properties that have substandard structures present. These will take roughly 3-4 months for the city to take ownership. They must confirm that no one is inhabiting the property.
- Ken asked about the readiness of the new Sweetwater landfill and the availability for the substandard structures to be taken there once it is ready. David advised the new landfill will not be ready until next spring and even once it is finished he still sees Sweetwater utilizing Republic Services to haul the waste to Abilene.



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ACTION ITEMS

FY 2018/2019 BUDGET: Board to review and consider approving the FY 2018/19 Budget.

- 5560 – Remove the City 2.5% merit increase and add a \$5000 MDD Transition Bonus
- 5570 – Leave this as is until a replacement can be hired.

Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the FY 2018/19 Budget with the mentioned changes. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried.

MISSION STATEMENT: Board to review and consider approving the proposed Mission Statement. This item was tabled.

PROGRAM OF WORK: Board to review and consider approving the proposed Program of Work. This item was tabled.

MOWING BID: Board to review and consider approving mowing bid for W. Broadway property from Professional Property Care of Texas. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to approve the bid. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

EXEC DIR. UPDATE (Ken Becker): The board was updated on the following topics:

- TXDOT is working on the bridge west of Sweetwater. UPRR has allowed Crane Services to work only 6 hours per week above the railroad tracks.
- Logistics Support has numbers of 274 monthly from January to June.
- Cape and Son – the construction is underway. They hope to have the tracks done in 2-3 weeks. They will help set up a tour for the board once complete.
- SBA Advisory Council – they are the advocacy for 5 states.
- Mayor McKenzie contacted Ken looking for a drop-off location for a trucking company. Ken was assisting them and got in touch with the trailer sales location on I-20.
- Ken has arranged a USG Plant tour for October 2 for the following participants.
 - Julian Alvarez, TWC Commissioner
 - Jodey Arrington, US Congressman
 - Charles Perry, TX Senator
 - Rick Debow, TSTC West TX Provost
 - John Doshier, TSTC West TX Workforce Development
 - Mary Ross, Executive Director Workforce Solutions of WCT
 - Karen Hunt, Executive Director The Chamber, Sweetwater & Nolan County

ADJOURN

Board to consider adjourning. Gil Cherry made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerod Peek Peek Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.