



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 8, 2018

PRESENT: Billy Whisenant, Gil Cherry, Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, David Vela, Ken Becker, Larissa Place, Stacy Fritz

CALL TO ORDER: 10:24 AM by Billy Whisenant

PRAYER: Ken Becker

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the December 2017 meeting. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the minutes. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the November 2017 financial statements. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to approve the financials. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Jerod Peek the motion to approve the accounts payables. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE (David Vela):

- No sales tax numbers to report yet. The City will have them available Wednesday. David Vela will forward the information on to Ken. They are hoping the upward trend continues.
- The City Commissioners meeting is tomorrow. The agenda is light for the month. They will discuss:
 - Flag design contest will be discussed. The kickoff will be hopefully begin in February. They plan to have it open 5-7 weeks. The April City Commissioners meeting will wrap up the project.
- The City Charter project has been postponed. City is now looking at the November '18 or May '19 election. SEED would not be included in the new Charter. They are not able to vote on the entire Charter at once. They must go one by one. There is a possibility of 50+ ballot propositions.
- Water Tower: February 1st is the goal for completion date however March 1st is the drop dead date, including demolition.
- Seal Coating is not on the budget for 2018. They will need to address roads that are needing more than seal coating. They are working on reports in regards to which roads need more work and which need seal coating.
- Landfill: City is currently getting core samples to find where to dig. The permitting is done and they are in the construction phase now.
- MDD bylaws: SEED can pick a couple people to work with Commissioners regarding the bylaws. There is time before they need to be done but this process can get started. Gil Cherry and Carolyn Lawrence will be the two SEED members to work with the City Commissioners regarding the bylaws committee.

MARKETING/ADMIN UPDATE (Larissa Place): The board was updated on the following topics:

- Speakers Bureau is still underway. Larissa has a few dates still open and she would like more female speakers.
- Planning will begin for Senior Interview Days.
- USG Board and Executives will be visiting Sweetwater in March. Ken and Larissa are working on some gifts for them.
- Ken and Larissa were invited to an SISD training last week. "Snap Shot" is a program they have teachers and students involved in. It helps individuals better understand and read others for better communication and relationships.
- Ken will be presenting at the Morgan Real Estate Wrap Up Meeting tomorrow. He will be providing an overview of the Housing Study.
- Ken was asked to speak at the Whataburger grand opening. The City Fire Department was there for the raising of the flag as well as the SHS band for the National Anthem. Many Whataburger employees were present along with one of the owners.
- Paperwork has been filed for the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance with DMI. The policy will begin January 13, 2018.
- Beto O'Rourke, a U.S. Representative, visited Nolan County. He is running for Senate. His staff contacted Larissa for a possibly visit. They went to the Roscoe Cotton Gin where they could also observe wind turbines.



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

- GFS yard is filling up. They have submitted an abatement request. The Judge is reviewing the application. They will also be looking for additional assistance from the State.
- WTX Central Manufacturing: Jeff Grimland will most likely be leading the group. Ken requested opinions from the local manufacturing companies as to which committees they would like him to participate in. He received feedback and based on that he will be part of two groups. 1) SISD 2) Business to Business
- Dr. McFarland will be meeting with the manufacturing group.
- Logistics Support is meeting the number of cars and exceeding it. Larry Locke was hoping to be higher than they are even though they have exceeded the projected numbers required. In 2017, Larry moved 2450 rail cars (more than double the number of rail cars from before Buzzi expansion).
- Board of Realtors notes: The number of homes sold in 2017 increased to 103 from 88 in 2016. The Median price for homes sold in 2017 was \$119,000 vs \$86,500 in 2016. The numbers are continuing to rise.
- We are still struggling to get information from TxDOT. The Bridge project is scheduled to let this month. The access road by Walmart is scheduled to let in March.
- Dent Trucking is now hauling the blades for GFS and he says business has increased. However, they still need drivers in order for their business to continue to increase.

ADJOURN

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