



BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 14, 2017

PRESENT: Billy Whisenant, Jerod Peek, Kirby Andrews (arrived late), David Welch, Carolyn Lawrence, Ken Becker, Larissa Place, Lisa Adames, Melina Duran

CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 AM by Billy Whisenant

PRAYER: Jerod Peek

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the July 2017 meeting. David Welch made the motion to approve the minutes. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the July 31, 2017 City/SEED joint meeting. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the minutes. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the June 2017 financial statements. David Welch 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. David Welch seconded. The motion carried.

CREST INCENTIVE: Board to review and consider approving true up report from Crest Incentive. Ken Becker advised there are three addresses that do not qualify but that still leaves more than enough to approve the true up report. They now have 100-110 employees and they are averaging 75-80 hours a week. Carolyn Lawrence made the motions to approve the true up report for Crest. David Welch seconded. The motion carried.

2017/2017 BUDGET: Board to review and consider approving the 2017/2018 budget. Ken Becker advised we have not received the new COLA numbers for the Marketing/Admin position pay increase. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to approve the budget once the numbers are received from the city for Larissa's position. David Welch seconded. The motion carried.

FTR TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE: Ken Becker presented the board with a new conference he has never attended before. Has been advised from many business within the industry that this is the best conference. He did not want to attend without the Board approval due to the \$1950 cost of the conference. Billy Whisenant asked if there is room in the budget for this conference. Ken Becker advised that this would fall under the 2016/2017 Budget and there is plenty of room. Carolyn Lawrence advised the travel budget is for this kind of conference to benefit Sweetwater. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve Ken's attendance at the FTR Conference. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE (David Vela): The board was updated on the following topics by Lisa Adames as David Vela was out today. Lisa is the HR Manager at the City.

- Sales tax numbers are down again.



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

- Housing Study – CDS did their first visit to Sweetwater on August 2-3. Met with Bankers, Realtors/Brokers, Developers, Manufacturers/Major Employers, Super Intendant, City officials and some local rental property owners. The meetings went well. Issues other than housing were brought up, for example, retail, restaurants, quality of life issues. CDS will continue to follow up with Ken and Larissa. An employee survey will be coming out soon.
- Larissa provided a property tax comparison sheet for all the surrounding areas of Sweetwater.
- We have contacted Select Energy and advised them we have ended their contact.
- Advised SEED facilitated the joint SEED/City meeting, arranging the room and lunch, as well as funded it. Advised that SEED will not be able to provide any funding towards the MDD election.

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

- W. Broadway update – We may want to get bids regarding mowing of the W. Broadway location. The area that was last sprayed is now dead and needs to be mowed. As well as the Broadway entrance, will need to be mowed again due to the rain.
- Crest/Nine entrance is an issue on W. Broadway. They have requested that TXDOT add signage for a commercial entrance. TXDOT is considering that possibility.
- County Commission – Ken attended the County Commissioners meeting this morning where they were discussing the Trent Mesa and possible tax abatement for replacement of 17 turbines and repowering of 83. Agenda was worded wrong so not decision could be made. There could be up to 100 construction workers for this project.
- There will be an update for the Dent Trucking numbers next month

EXECUTIVE SESSION: David Welch made the motion to go into Executive Session. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION: Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to re-enter Regular Session. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

ADJOURN: Board to consider adjourning. There being no further business, David Welch made the motion to adjourn. Kirby Andrews seconded. The motion carried.