**MDD BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021**

**PRESENT**: Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Joseph Crouch, David Vela, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Jeff Allen, Karen Hunt, Larry Ludlum, Jeanie McPherson, Thomas Taylor, Chris Maxwell, John Kirgis

**LOCATION:** Council Chamber in Sweetwater City Hall (200 E. 4th Street).

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

**PRAYER:** Gil Cherry

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ACTION ITEMS**:

**MINUTES**: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the April 12, 2021 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. Gil Cherry seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 4-0.

**FINANCIALS**: Board to review and consider approving the March 2021 financial statements. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the financials. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**APARTMENT REHABILITATION INCENTIVE:** Board to review and consider approving an incentive agreement to assist in the rehabilitation of the apartment complex at 1011 Locust Street in Sweetwater, Texas. Carolyn Lawrence and Joseph Crouch recused themselves and left the room during discussion. Russ Petty made the motion to award incentive funds in the amount of $22,000.00 for the rehabilitation of the apartment complex located at 1011 Locust Street. Jerod Peek seconded. Carolyn Lawrence and Joseph Crouch abstained and were not present during voting. The motion carried 3-0.

**DEMOLITION:** Board to review and consider approving funds for the demolition of a structure at 605 W. Broadway. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve $8,856.00 in funding for the demolition of the structure at 605 W. Broadway. Russ Petty seconded. Gil Cherry abstained. The motion carried 4-0.

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

* Small business interests in downtown area.
* Lunch and Learn on May 25, 2021
* Senior Interviews
* Recent news crew visits
* Bid Posting for SEED MDD property on W. Broadway

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

* Georgia-Pacific update
* SISD manufacturing tour

**CLOSED SESSION:**  Jerod Peek made the motion 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. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There being no further business, Russ Petty made the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.