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MDD BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, February 7th, 2020

PRESENT: Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Joseph Crouch, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Dana Schoening, Tal Fillingim, Ray Bohall

LOCATION: First Financial Bank Board Room (2nd Floor), 201 Elm St. Sweetwater, TX

CALL TO ORDER: 10:13 AM by Carolyn Lawrence

PUBLIC INPUT: None

TAL FILLINGIM: A pre-construction meeting for the splash pad will be held on Tuesday, February 8th with Vortex at City Hall. Construction start date is on February 17, 2020 and there is a 7 week estimated construction time. Vortex plans to have a pad startup and training meeting for City of Sweetwater staff on April, 17th as long as construction goes as planned.

DANA SCHOENING: First set of 5 properties have been completely demolished by Coe Construction. 1902 Hailey St. has been demolished by the owner. Dana met with the on call building official on January 29. He is mailing out notices containing the building deficiencies found during the inspections to commercial property owners today (2/7/2020). City Council will be having a public hearing on March 10 to declare the property dilapidated and ready for demolition, or they will give the property owners a chance to bring the building up to code.

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the January 13th, 2020 meeting. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the minutes. Russ Petty 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. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS: Board to review and consider approving the December 2019 financial statements. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the financials. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM SEED: Board to review and consider accepting the conveyance of all remaining real property—specific tracts listed in the Special Warranty Deed dated February 10th, 2020—from Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED). Joseph Crouch made the motion to accept the conveyance of property from SEED to SEED MDD. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

FUNDS FOR DEMOLITION: Board to review and consider approving funds for the demolition of property located at 3003 W. Broadway. Two bids were received with Coe Construction Company bidding the lowest at \$23,560.00 for four main structures on the property and two cellars. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve funding award the job to Coe Construction Company. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Staff will present to the City Council for final approval on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Joseph Crouch 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. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ASSISTANT MARKETING DIRECTOR'S REPORT (MIESHA ADAMES):

- Google Analytics
- Website update and discussion of upgrading
- Splash Pad soft opening and grand opening
- Young Professionals in Newman Park during the month of June—Hosted by SEED MDD
- Upcoming presentations and tours: Masonic Lodge, Sweetwater Jaycees, A&M and UNT Wind Tour, Region 17, Region 14

Executive Director Update (Ken Becker):

- Sutherland's update and planned opening date of March 2nd, 2020



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- Housing & Apartments: all available remodeled apartments are leased at Spanish Arms. Three houses in the Bentgrass Development are completed and have been purchased. Developer has a request for a custom build and one other spec home is in the dry-in phase.
- IC² Town Hall meeting is on 2/19/20 and Focus Groups will be held on 2/20/20
- Live2Lead- Great turnout!

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



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