MDD BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2020

**PRESENT**: Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Joseph Crouch, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Dana Schoening, Jeff Allen, David A. Vela

**LOCATION:** City HallCouncil Chambers (200 E. 4th St., Sweetwater, TX 79556)

**CALL TO ORDER**: 10:03 AM by Carolyn Lawrence

**PRAYER:** Gil Cherry

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The proposed slate of Officers was presented by Joseph Crouch and seconded by Russ Petty. They are as follows: President: Carolyn Lawrence, Vice President: Gil Cherry, & Secretary: Russ Petty. The board approved the Officers presented unanimously.

**DANA SCHOENING:** Dana Schoening gave a presentation that included before and after photos of the four commercial properties that were recently abated (1500/1502 E. Broadway, 1912 E. Broadway, 3211 W. Broadway, 3307 W. Broadway).

**ACTION ITEMS**:

**MINUTES**: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting. Russ Petty 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. Joseph Crouch seconded. Russ Petty abstained from the vote. The motion carried 4-0.

**FINANCIALS**: Board to review and consider approving the August 2020 financial statements. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the financials. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEMOLITION:** Board to review and consider approving additional funds for the demolition of 3307 W. Broadway. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve additional funds in the amount of $1,500 to complete the demolition. Gill Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PROPERTY INSPECTIONS:** Board to review and consider awarding funds to Bureau Veritas for the initial inspection of four properties located on the main corridors (3321 South State HWY 70, 3413 W. Broadway, 1117 W. Broadway, 816 W. Broadway). Jerod Peek made the motion to award funds of up to $600.00 to Bureau Veritas for the inspections. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

* Website development update
* Façade Improvement Grant interests on the main corridors

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

* Workforce Housing update: Staff has been speaking with local property owners about possible incentives for updating apartments.
* Ken Becker, Executive Director, turned in a letter stating his intent to retire on September 30, 2021.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Gil Cherry 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.

**RECONVENE:** A motion was made by Jerod Peek to re-enter into Regular Session with a second from Joseph Crouch. The motion carried unanimously.

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