**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Carolyn Lawrence, Jeff Allen, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Karen Hunt

**LOCATION:** Downstairs conference room at the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, 810 E. Broadway, Sweetwater, Texas 79556

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:02 PM by Carolyn Lawrence

**PRAYER:** Gil Cherry

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Carolyn Lawrence

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES:** Board to review and consider approving minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Board to review and consider approving accounts payable.

**FINANCIALS:** Board to review and consider approving the December 2023 financial statements.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Board to review and consider approving an increase to the Façade Improvement Grant line item on the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. Russ Petty made the motion to increase the Façade Improvement Grant line item to $75,000.00 on the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

**FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCOPE OF WORK:** Board to review and consider approving changes to the scope of work for the Façade Improvement Grant at 2107 E. Broadway. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve changes to the scope of work. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 2-0.

**FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT:** Board to review and consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant request at 1113 Lamar Street. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the Façade Improvement Grant in the amount of $1,941.50. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 2-0.

**MARKETING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER’S UPDATE:**

1. ICSC Red River conference in Dallas: Ethan gave an update on the trip to ICSC in Dallas, mentioned what meetings were held, and outlined the staff’s next steps on the connections made.
2. Downtown Mural: Ethan presented a potential mural project in downtown Sweetwater and received feedback from the board.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S UPDATE:**

1. Childcare: Miesha provided an update on a childcare project that SEED staff are working on with Sweetwater ISD.
2. April 8th SEED MDD Board Meeting: Miesha asked the board members about their availability to attend the regular meeting scheduled in April.
3. Creekside Development: Miesha provided the board with an update on the final items that the City needs in order to accept the Creekside development.

There being no further business, Gil Cherry made the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.