

REGULAR MEETING
LONE STAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
LONE STAR FIRE STATION – 201 W. INDUSTRIAL
June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on the meeting notice.

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MINUTES

Present were Chairman Mitch Cox and Board Members Mona Brown, Karl Stoermer, Rudy Dudley, Lesley Dalme, Felipe Guerrero, and Secretary/ Treasurer Tina Love.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Mitch Cox at 6:03 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

3. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 3, 2021.

A motion to accept the minutes for May 3, 2021 was made by Karl Stoermer, with a second by Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.

4. REPORTS:

Financial Reports for May 2021.

A motion to accept the Financial Reports for May 2021 was made by Karl Stoermer, with a second by Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

5-1: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the pavilion cover for the old basketball court at City Park (tabled from previous meeting).

Mitch Cox discussed the EDC did not receive the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant in which they applied; therefore, limiting available funding for desired projects. Discussions occurred

about the pavilion to cover the old basketball court and it was decided to table this item. The EDC will schedule a workshop to discuss available finances and how to proceed with projects. No actions will be taken during this workshop.

A motion to table this item was made by Mona Brown with a second from Karl Stoermer. All present voted Aye.

5-2: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the drainage at City Park (written proposal and/or updates, tabled from previous meeting).

Heartland provided a bid for \$36,875.00 for the drainage repair. Two additional bids are needed for comparison. Mitch will contact David Duck and Mike Hart to see if they will bid on the project. Mona will contact Sean, of Heartland, for an itemization of the received bid so all bids are based upon the same criteria.

A motion to table this item pending additional information was made by Mona Brown with a second from Lesley Dalme. All present voted Aye.

5-3: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding bids for pier repair or pier replacement (tabled from previous meeting)

Trent Duke won the bid to repair the pier but has not been able to get the wood for repair.

A motion to table this item was made by Karl Stoermer with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.

5-4: Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Edgemont City Park (tabled from previous meeting).

A motion to table this item pending a workshop was made by Karl Stoermer with a second from Mona Brown. All present voted Aye.

5-5: Review, discussion, and possible actions regarding Park Grants (tabled from previous meeting).

Mitch discussed the EDC missed receiving the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant by two points. It's unknown what prevented us from receiving the grant, but we need to begin preparing for future grant submissions. It was suggested to contact Pittsburg to see who prepared their grant and ask what type of items were included. Also consider contacting Heartland for a copy of our grant and to use it as a baseline for future grants. Options were discussed to consider hiring a different grant writer or to use Heartland again for future grants. Additional research is necessary but we need to begin preparation for future grants.

A motion to continue to investigate possibilities for future grants was made by Mona Brown with a second by Leslie Dalme. All present voted Aye.

5-6: Review, discussion, and possible action for cleaning up and cleaning out the swimming area at City Park (follow up from previous meeting)

Trent Duke offered to help contact a couple of contractors for bids to clean out the swimming area. Potential contractors previously discussed were RCC excavation from Naples and

David Duck of Hughes Springs. Felipe will follow up to see if either of these two contractors will quote the job or see if he can find other contractors.

A motion to table this item pending Felipe contacting additional contractors was made by Mona Brown with a second from Karl Stoermer. All present voted Aye.

5-7: Review, discussion, and possible action to renovate the big baseball field located at the City Park (follow-up from previous meeting with estimates for repair).

At the May 3, 2021 EDC meeting, Derek Croley and Jessie Kennedy expressed interest in investing time and money to help repair the big baseball field located at City Park. They use this field for team practices and feel the city could benefit if the park were renovated. They were to provide the EDC with estimates of repair but were not in attendance at this meeting.

Mitch discussed the cost to replace the lights would not be cheap. If the existing light poles were used, it would be cheaper, but they are old. To replace with aluminum poles would be very expensive and LED lights are not cheap. Mitch contacted a contractor, Larson lighting, about replacing the lights on the existing poles. Because of the age and type of poles, Larson is not interested in bidding the job. If the baseball field is to be used for tournaments, or ongoing activities, the bathroom and concession stand, located at City Park will also need to be considered for renovation.

A motion to table this item pending additional information was made by Mona Brown with a second from Felipe Guerrero. All present voted Aye.

5-8: Review, discussion, and possible action of the purchase of a storm siren (tabled from previous meeting).

Mona contacted the TML lawyers to see if the EDC could purchase a storm siren system for the city of Lone Star. Unfortunately, this is not an item that can be purchased by the EDC according to TML. Since the EDC is unable to purchase the storm siren, it was suggested to transfer this item to the City Council to act upon. Meanwhile, Mona or the city secretary will contact ATCOG to see if there are any program or grants that can help with the purchase of the storm siren. No actions were taken.

5-9: Review, discussion, and possible action to assist with funding for construction improvements to the Fire Department building where EDC, Council, PD and FD meetings are held (follow-up from previous meeting).

The leaks in the roof need to be repaired before the construction improvements. The city secretary told the EDC that the insurance company was not covering any roof repairs or replacement and the city would have to pay the expense. All agreed the roof repairs need to be done before any interior construction improvements are performed.

A motion was made by Rudy Dudley to forward this item to the City Council with a second from Felipe Guerrero. All present voted Aye.

5.10: Review, discussion, and possible action for Trent Duke to update the EDC on the RV Park and cabins.

Trent was unable to attend the meeting. No action taken.

5.11: Review, discussion, and possible action to consider election of officers to the EDC.

The city secretary provided a copy of the Texas Economic Development Council By-Laws along with additional by-law samples for reference to officer titles, responsibilities, and frequency of officer elections. It was suggested to contact the city legal counsel or TML to discuss creating by-laws and election of officers before the next meeting and consider electing officers in August for the new physical year. Mona volunteered to contact TML.

A motion was made by Mona Brown to contact TML about the election of officers prior to the next meeting with a second from Felipe Guerrero. All present voted Aye.

5.12 Review, discussion, and possible action for advertisement of the Morris County Collaborative on Interstate 30.

Mitch was approached by Morris County Collaborative (MCC) to participate in paying for a sign, located on Interstate 30, promoting Morris County and the EDC. The MCC is asking Lone Star, Naples, Daingerfield, and Omaha to participate in the purchase cost. The actual cost is unknown and pending additional information.

A motion was made by Mona Brown to consider helping the MCC purchase a sign pending cost information with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

5.13: Review, discussion, and possible action to approve an amount to purchase supplies for EDC publishing's.

Rudy Dudley discussed the cost to prepare the VIP packages provided to local businesses. He made the packages using city equipment and supplies and feels the EDC should designate an amount to purchase publication supplies. The supplies can be maintained in a designated area at city hall or purchased on an as needed basis.

A motion was made by Mona Brown to allow the EDC to purchase up to \$1,000 max. to purchase publication supplies, pending council approval, with a second from Karl Stoermer. All present voted Aye.

5.14: Review, discussion and possible action of rescheduling the July EDC meeting from Monday July 5th to Monday July 12th due to City of observance of the July 4th holiday.

Karl Stoermer made a motion to change the date of the next EDC meeting to July 12th with a second from Rudy Dudley. All present voted Aye.

6. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mona Brown with a second by Karl Stoermer. All present voted Aye.

/s/ Mitch Cox
Mitch Cox, Chairman

/s/Tina Love
Tina Love, Secretary/Treasurer