

Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation * Regular Monthly Meeting
City of Junction * December 5, 2017
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The *Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation* was called to order by Polly Robinson for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 5:14 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. A quorum was established with the following:

Present:

President: Polly Robinson
Treasurer: Kim Gosney
Secretary: Carol Neiman
Directors Present: Jean Jacoby
(2 Vacancies)

Absent:

Vice President: Tom Rattan

Also Present: Donna E Oliver-Leep, JTEDC Office Manager; James Murr, journalist with The Junction Eagle newspaper; Maureen Wall with Hair Works; Doug Haynes, board member candidate; Russell Hammonds, Mayor; and Garvene Adams, City Secretary.

Public Forum: Mr. Hammonds was contacted by Martha Woods regarding a vacant building she owns across from Kothmann Insurance and is trying to lease. He thought of the EDC and suggested we might want to look at it.

Consent Items: (A.) **Minutes** and (B.) **Financials:** After a review of the minutes and the financials for November 2017,

- Ms. Neiman made a motion to accept the minutes and financials as presented; Ms. Jacoby seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Reports:

(A.) **Office Manager's Monthly Report:** A report from Ms. Oliver regarding November's activities was included in the board packet. After a discussion about one item in the report stating the need for an upgrade to the office manager's cell phone, it was suggested that further research be done before making a purchase.

(B.) **Junction Tourism Board's Monthly Report:** A report from Ms. Robinson regarding the JTTB board meeting was included in the board packet.

Board of Director Candidate: Mr. Douglas Haynes was present and his application for board membership was included in the board packet. He told the board about himself and his interest to be on the JTEDC Board.

- Ms. Jacoby made a motion to forward Mr. Haynes' application to the Junction City Council; Ms. Neiman seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Advertising & Promotion Grant: Ms. Maureen Wall, owner of Hair Works salon, made a presentation request regarding a \$2500 grant from the JTEDC for the outside remodeling of the hair salon's building, which included a new window and paint.

- The low bid for the project is \$3,850 (70% equals \$2,695).
- EDC policy allows 70% funding of the low bid not to exceed \$2500.
- After a discussion,
 - Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve the façade grant for Hair Works; Ms. Gosney seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

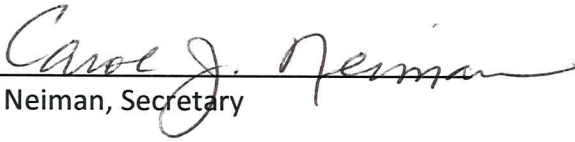
Performance Grant Request from City of Junction: The board discussed remodeling the park restrooms, including installation of new toilets and lavatories similar to those utilized in the county park.

- This request is consistent with the EDC governing statute and the original proposal passed by the citizens of Junction when the EDC was organized.
- Ms. Robinson asked why overnight camping was allowed in the park, given it was not designed for such activities.
 - Mr. Hammonds believes the land for the park was donated with a stipulation that overnight camping be allowed, but agreed it was not really functional as a campsite;
 - Ms. Adams noted there were no electrical hookups and no outdoor showers for campers.
 - Mr. Hammonds further stated that the city council has rejected the idea of ending overnight camping.
 - The current rule only allows campers to use the park for no more than three (3) nights.
- The board determined that this request would not be a grant from the current budget; but, would be funded from reserves.
 - Ms. Jacoby made a motion for a funding package assistance of \$28,628 for the remodeling of the city park restrooms; Ms. Gosney seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Night Skies: Ms. Neiman made a presentation regarding the update of night skies initiatives for the City of Junction.

- She had met with Cliff Kaplan of the Hill Country Alliance and took him on an evening tour of the local businesses evaluating the lighting and the effects of such on the night skies in Junction.
- A number of businesses are already night-skies friendly, and Mr. Kaplan has offered to assist the Chamber of Commerce in developing a recognition for those.
- "Problem lighting" in non-commercial locations has also been identified, including the water plant and the JISD campus.
- Ms. Neiman will continue to update the board on these and other renewed efforts to improve and support night skies in the city.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on December 5, 2017.


Carol Neiman, Secretary

Board Approved