

Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation *
City of Junction * **Regular Meeting – August 2, 2016**
State of Texas *

The *Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation* met for its regular monthly meeting on August 2, 2016, at the site of the new *City Sweets LLC* restaurant, with the following Board members present:

President: Polly Robinson

Secretary: Carol Neiman

Directors: Jean Jacoby, Michael Townsend, Ron Fuquay, Nicolas Lumbley

Directors Absent: Mindy Supak

Also Present: Donna E Oliver-Leep, Office Manager of JTEDC; and James Murr, *Junction Eagle* reporter; Kerry Sutton with *HCTC*; and Marina Oneill with *Stuff* met the group at the City Meeting Room.

Polly Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m., and Alex Gonzales conducted a tour of the restaurant, which is still under construction. Mr. Gonzales expects the restaurant to be completed by the end of the summer. The gathering was dismissed at 5:55 p.m.

The group reconvened at the City Meeting room. President Robinson called the meeting back to order at 6:05 p.m., with a quorum present.

Public Forum: No one wished to speak during the time allotted for the public forum.

Consent Items:

(a.) **Minutes:** After a review of the minutes, Ms. Neiman made a motion to accept the minutes as reviewed; Mr. Townsend seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

(b.) **Financials:** Overview, July Accounts Payables, and July Accounts Receivables. Ms. Neiman made a motion to accept the financials; Ms. Jacoby seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HCTC/Frontier: Costs comparison: After a discussion, Donna was asked to find out if we can get a 2-year contract versus the 5-year contract quoted.

Stuff - a resale shop downtown: Ms. Neiman introduced Marina Oneill to the board, and Ms. Oneill made a presentation on the opening of her new business, *Stuff*, in downtown Junction. She stated that she is very passionate about this project. Ms. Robinson explained to Ms. Oneill about the process the EDC goes through with a new business owner; and it is possible to have a special called meeting before the September board meeting.

Façade Grant Program: Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to the application form and terms of the funding program currently known as “Advertising & Promotion Program” grant. Ms. Robinson suggested that an applicant should have a financial contribution; told about

the other cities she looked at; either matching funds or in-kind; Ms. Jacoby suggested 30% from the applicant as payment or in-kind contribution toward the grant. Ms. Robinson will try to find out what other EDCs are doing for in-kind service. Ms. Robinson stated she will make suggested changes to the grant application and present to the board for approval at the September meeting.

Strategic Planning: Follow-up discussion. Ms. Robinson had some material in the board packet she would like for the board members to look over and make suggestions of what they would like to see the JTEDC put in place for improving the City of Junction.

Junction Tourism Board: Report from Polly Robinson.

Office Manager's Monthly Report: Report from Donna Oliver regarding July's activities.

Information & Discussion Only:

- **Fraud Insurance:** A \$10,000 fidelity bond policy was written on the board Treasurer.
- **Coffee House:** The applicant for the coffee house has withdrawn her application.
- **Applicants for JTEDC Board:** We are taking applications for the open board member positions.
- **Johnson vs. JTEDC:** No update on lawsuit filed against JTEDC by Dale Johnson.

Discussion and possible action on EDC letter of support for South Llano State Park Dark Sky designation: Ms. Neiman explained the night sky program and the perceived benefits. After a discussion, Mr. Townsend made a motion to approve the letter lending our support to the night skies; Mr. Lumbley seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Budget: – Discussion and possible action. The City Secretary has estimated the sales tax revenue on a spread sheet, and Ms. Robinson thinks Pilot may be included but does not really know. Each item in the budget was gone over. Ms. Jacoby made a motion to approve the budget; Ms. Neiman seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Townsend made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Fuquay seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Carol Neiman, Secretary

Board Approved