

LLANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Open Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021

OPEN MEETING

1. Call to Order
 - Allen Hopson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with the following members present: Pat McDowell, Josh Mayfield, Fred Cook, Marianne Fraser, Eric Schuessler and Sammy Leverett.
 - Also present was Scott Edmonson, City Manager and Lynda Kuder, Finance Director.
2. Public Comments
 - None
3. Welcome New Board Members, Sammy Leverett and Josh Mayfield
 - Allen welcomed new members Sammy Leverett and Josh Mayfield to the board.
4. Discuss and Consider – Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2021
 - Item 6 needs a correction from owns to manages.
 - Motion was made by Fred Cook and seconded by Pat McDowell to approve the minutes as amended.
 - Motion was approved unanimously.
5. Discussion Only – Financial Report for February, 2021
 - Lynda reported there was no action since last meeting.
 - She also reported that there is \$595K in the fund balance. The money is available with a budget amendment, council action, and 60-day lead time if it is a new project.
 - She added there is not a lot of flexibility to move funds into a higher interest-bearing platform. Current rate at Bancorp South is .25%.
 - Sammy asked if the LEDC could move some of their bond money into a CD for better growth.
 - Lynda responded that she did not think it would be advantageous.
6. Discussion Only – Marketing Report
 - Tony provided the Board with information regarding a free 4-hour economic development workshop from the Comptroller's office. He also furnished dates for the TEDC primer course.
 - He handed out his new brochure and highlighted his new Selfie Stops initiative and placemats with colors provided to restaurants around town.
 - Llano will be featured in an ad in Texas Highways' May edition. It will come out the last week of April.
 - Pat would like to see invoices to quantify the investment, not to approve each individual invoice.
7. Discuss and Consider – Parks Project: Golf Course Pavilion
 - Allen reported that play and revenue are up each month.
 - Scott McDonough, Golf Pro, is recommending a 50 x 60 concrete slab to begin with and eventually cover the slab to give players a place to sit and relax along the river after their round, with many other possibilities for future use. It will compliment the clubhouse, moving the golf course in the right direction.
 - The City has trimmed up the riverbank trees so when the river raises back up in April, the view will be amazing.

- Lynda added that this is a park project and already in the budget, so there is no need for a budget amendment.
- Sammy added that he thinks it needs to be speced out, using local labor all we can, and they need to be able to bid apples to apples.
- Allen added that Mueller will provide an engineered plan.
- Allen will solicit bids based on tonight's discussion.
- No action taken.

8. Discuss and Consider– Report on Fiber from City of Llano and/or Sub-Committee for Fiber Feasibility

- Scott reported that the group met with Bandera Electric. A pole assessment revealed about 60 poles with issues. All were surprised at the low number.
- They requested a copy of pole attachment and franchise agreement, and Scott has asked Cary Bovey to look at it and update it.
- The survey is ready to go out, but they do not want it to go out until they run all the numbers.
- Scott also reported that Northland has sold and is pretty sure Zeecon is working out something with LCRA to tie into their fiber. The cost in fiber is the labor, not the number of pairs. The issue is getting it the last mile, from substation to customers.
- Experts say wireless is not the answer, a hard line (fiber) to inside the house is best.
- Sammy inquired if the City has enough money budgeted to replace 60 poles, Scott stated not enough to do that many.
- No action taken.

9. Discuss and Consider – Invoices and Timesheets

- Motion was made by Fred Cook and seconded by Eric Schuessler to approve the timesheet submitted.
- Motion was approved unanimously.

10. Reports

- No reports.

11. Adjourn

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.


 Eric Schuessler, Secretary and Treasurer
 Llano Economic Development Corporation