

The Cleveland Economic Development Corporation met on May 20, 2019, for monthly board meeting at City Hall, 907 E Houston St, Cleveland, Texas with Board President Brad Browder presiding. The monthly meeting was scheduled earlier due to Memorial Day holiday.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board President Brad Browder, Boardmember Fred Terrell, Boardmember Kelly Jenkel-Axton, Boardmember Carolyn McWaters, Boardmember Robert Reynolds, Boardmember Marilyn Clay, Boardmember Niki Coats and City Secretary Angela Smith.

ATTENDEES PRESENT: Kelly McDonald, Bobby Pennington, Jim Carson, J. Rice, Suzanne May-Bahan and Jacob Hargrave

Board President Browder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and stated there is a quorum.

1. Invocation, Pledge and Roll Call.

Robert Reynolds gave the invocation and Brad Browder led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag and to the Texas flag.

2. Public Comments

Jim Carson – gave a Chamber update.

Jacob Hargrove with Verdegen introduced himself and his company.

3. Closed Executive Session

a. Deliberations about the sell, purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as authorized by Sec. 551.072, Texas Government Code.

EDC members left for closed session at 6:07 pm.

4. Return to Open Session

a. Consider purchase, sale, appraisal and option on real estate and/or procurement of related legal, surveying or environmental assessment assistance and/or consider incentives for business from Executive Session, if necessary.

Returned to open session at 7:50 pm. No action taken.

5. Approve minutes from April 22, 2019 meetings

Correction to minutes presented to add Wanda Meza to the attendee list.

Boardmember Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of adding Wanda Meza to the list of attendees with a second from Marilyn Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

6. Review and approve financial statements

ACM/Finance Director Pennington reviewed the financials. The line item Professional Services is over due to legal expenses relating to Earth Energy.

Boardmember Clay made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented with a second from Boardmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

7. Review and approve bill payments

EDC boardmembers were presented a new bill listing. Bills presented are:

Bleyl Interest Inc. \$ 641.70

Carolyn McWaters	\$ 52.66
Precision Lawns	\$ 4,010.00
City of Cleveland	\$ 600.00
Bleyl Interest Inc	\$ 5,929.56
Commecodev LLC	\$ 942.50
City of Cleveland	\$ 4,352.87
Sam Houston Electric	\$ 338.29
The Retail Coach	\$10,000.00
The Retail Coach	<u>\$ 221.56</u>
TOTAL	\$27,089.14

Question on Retail Coach's cost. They provide monthly reports. This is the second year for \$10,000 with one more extension available at \$10,000. The second and third year is selling Cleveland to the clients. The first year paid for the statistics.

Boardmember Clay made a motion to pay the bills as presented with a second from Boardmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

8. Hear summary monthly business prospect report.

Mr. Pennington reviewed the report.

9. Reports and comments from Directors and staff.

Kelly Jenkel-Axton-last day of school is May 30th. Graduation is June 1st. They are up 1,003 students.

Niki Coats – he spoke with the salespeople at Grand Oaks and they have sold five homes. They will start the condos next year and they put their 360 aces up for sale off FM 105. Breaking ground on 21 homes soon. Brad Browder said that he spoke with Amanda with McKinley, and the some of the homes were purchased from people from Beaumont, Conroe, and Baytown.

Kelly McDonald – Memorial Day is Monday. 9 am Veteran Ceremony at Civic Center. May 30th is reception from Chris Trotter with CISD at 6:00 pm, Chamber hosting at the Civic Center.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to transpire, Boardmember Clay made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, with a second from Boardmember Reynolds. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of June 2019.

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Brad Browder, Board President

ATTEST:

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Angela Smith, City Secretary