Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Simonton Economic Development Corporation B CITY OF SIMONTON

October 9, 2024

This is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of The Regular Meeting of the Simonton Economic Development Corporation B held on October 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Board President Kelli Matula at 6:14 p.m.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Consider and Take Action on Consent Agenda

- a. Draft EDC A and EDC B Minutes of July 30, 2024 Joint Session Meeting
- b. Draft EDC A and EDC B Minutes of August 14, 2024 Joint Session Meeting

Motion by Board Member Dub Sabrsula to approve meeting minutes. Board Member Jake Strickland seconded the motion.

Ayes = 4

Nos = 0

Absent = Joey Cottle, Bubba Mullins and Sunni McKenny

4. New Business

a. Budget

Mayor Boudreaux stated that because of the budget that was adopted by the City Council, the money that comes in for EDC B is slated to go into the general fund which is illegal. Mayor Boudreaux hopes to get the budget corrected with City Council at the next meeting on October 22nd.

Budget amendments will need to be made for all spending.

Board Member Dub Sabrsula asked if we are in compliance. Mayor Boudreaux confirmed that we are not. Board Member Jake Strickland asked if this board has any liability for this non-compliance. Mayor Boudreaux stated, no, this board had nothing to do with the budget adoption.

Board Member Roberto Molina asked if EDC B can fund the zoning project? Mayor Boudreaux is to ask the City Attorney. Mayor Boudreaux asked the four board members present if there was any interest in funding the zoning project. Board Members Dub Sabrsula, Jake Strickland, Roberto Molina and Board

President Kelli Matula all agreed that they would vote to fund part of the zoning project. It was proposed that both EDC A and EDC B pay for half of the zoning project (split equitably) and the city pays the remaining half.

b. Strategy Planning

A discussion ensued regarding the importance of keeping the public informed. The best way to do this is:

- i. Send out a quarterly report to the public (i.e. an Activity Report)
- ii. Development of guidelines

Board Member Dub Sabrsula stated that he felt the function of the EDC is to help and to attract new businesses. Mayor Boudreaux suggested that we talk/survey the current business owners to see how they feel about Simonton. What are we doing right? What can we improve on? Is there anything they need from the city that would make things easier?

Board Member Dub Sabrsula stated that getting our zip code fixed would bring additional funds into the city (currently Wallis is getting those funds). Board Member Dub Sabrsula is to work on a possible solution. Mayor Boudreaux is going to supply Board Member Dub Sabrsula with the contact information of a couple of people that might be able to assist.

5. Schedule Next Meeting

November $13^{th} - 6:00 \text{ PM}$

Going forward, the 2^{nd} Wednesday of every month will be designated for the EDC B monthly meeting.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Board President Kelli Matula at 7:04 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Laurie Boudreaux

Nanci Mohr, City Secretary