

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation  
March 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: John Sanders, III, President  
Mike Ramsey, Vice President  
Kevin Strength, Mayor  
Paul Stevens, City Manager  
Daniel Morton  
Layne Ballard

Members Absent: Bob Lynn

Ex-Officio Lori Saunders, City Secretary  
Member Present: Pete Havel, President, Chamber of Commerce

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Member Absent: Charles Harris, Director of Finance

Others Present: Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager  
Steve Chapman, City Attorney  
John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau  
April Ortiz, Civic Center Director  
Chris Seale, Horticulturist

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President John Sanders called the meeting to order.

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**Vice President Mike Ramsey moved to approve minutes of the WCDC meeting of February 14, 2017.** Mr. Daniel Morton seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Ms. Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), requested funds to sponsor C10's in the Park Event to be held September 2017. Mr. Terry Hill and Mr. Denny Lowery, organizers for C10's in the Park Event, stated this is their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event and will exceed last year's count of over 400 vehicles with main sponsor being Brothers - Classic Chevy & GMC Truck Parts.

Ms. Mosley stated this year C10's is going to have an after party downtown with a live band and food trucks. Vehicles can cruise back downtown if they wish. She requested \$6,000 from CVB contingency fund for the artist and sound. She stated this event will sell out the hotels as they did last year.

President Sanders asked if there were adequate parking for trailers. Mr. Hill stated they will use parking around the former hospital and utilize parking around the office facility near Getzendaner Park.

Mr. Hill stated *Street Trucks Magazine* will be in Waxahachie shooting some of the vehicles for their magazine.

President Sanders asked if banners can be streamed across Highway 77 advertising the event. City Manager Paul Stevens stated staff will research cost involved.

**After further discussion, Mr. Daniel Morton moved to approve \$6,000 in Convention and Visitors Bureau contingency fund to sponsor C10's in the Park Event as presented.** Mr. Layne Ballard seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Mr. John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported bids for the Dumpster Enclosure at the Sports Complex were received and opened on March 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Four bids were received with lowest bid from J C Concrete in the amount of \$69,844.80. Mr. Smith stated \$68,800 is in the budget and will transfer \$1,000 to cover the cost. He noted J C Concrete has worked at the Sports Complex and does good work. Staff recommended approval.

The board expressed concern of lack of detail provided and asked for a drawing. Mr. Smith stated the only drawing was one the recreational superintendent drew noting a professional drawing was not provided due to cost.

**After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Layne Ballard moved to recommend award bid for dumpster enclosure at Sports Complex to J C Concrete in the amount of \$69,844.80.** Vice President Mike Ramsey seconded, **All Ayes.**

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**Citizens' Petition and Request:**

Mayor Kevin Strength asked the status of closing thru traffic at the Sports Complex. City Manager Paul Stevens stated a traffic study will be done in April while several tournaments are going on in order to get a good count. After the study a recommendation we will determine if we are going to do paving. If construction occurs the road will close and will not be open back up for thru traffic.

President Sanders stated there has been a lot of discussion pertaining to the Amphitheatre and with the budget presentation not ready for floating new bonds he asked staff if funds can be advanced for engineering. Mr. Stevens stated there is all kinds of options such as passing a reimbursement Resolution whereas we start the engineering and sometimes construction and once bonds are issued they can pay that back. He explained at that point we will have a better idea of the overall cost.

President Sanders asked Ms. April Ortiz, Civic Center Director, to review the center's budget for ground maintenance and color change out to get an idea of what it would take to maintain the grounds at the Amphitheatre. Ms. Ortiz stated Mr. Chris Seale, Horticulturist, does the color change out and mowing is a separate contract.

President Sanders requested to discuss maintaining the splash pad at the April board meeting.

Ms. Ortiz reported board member Bob Lynn met with the landscape architect and is working on getting pricing for the outside lighted seating area. She stated a well-known gospel singer has been rehearsing at the Civic Center before going out on tour.

Ms. Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau, announced at next month's meeting she will be requesting funds to assist with an upcoming disc golf tournament.

Councilmember David Hill stated the new equipment in various city parks is drawing a lot of children to the play stations and the general consensus of the public is excitement.

Mr. John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation announced stated the splash park will begin construction on April 17th.

Mr. Chris Seale, Horticulturist, stated the tulips are in bloom and will change out pots and beds after freeze threats are over.

City Manager Paul Stevens stated the park at Garden Valley is under construction and will proceed with 10 foot sidewalks.

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**There being no further business, Vice President Mike Ramsey moved the meeting adjourn at 4:00 p.m.** Mr. Layne Ballard seconded, **All Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders, City Secretary