



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION-ZOOM LINK ATTACHED IN CITY WEBSITE-MEETINGS

Thursday, January 09, 2025 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

Our mission: to provide effective and fiscally responsible municipal services in a manner which promotes our high standard of community life.

Vision Statement Mount Vernon is a caring community committed to excellence and quality of life, aspiring to be the community of choice for ourselves, our children, and future generations – beautiful, clean, vibrant, and safe. We will strive to preserve our heritage, our friendly hometown atmosphere, and celebrate the diversity of all our citizens.

MINUTES

Due to bad weather a Zoom Workshop was conducted. Zoom Link was provided to public for entrance to the meeting. No action was takend during the meeting, informational meeting only.

PRESENT:

President Mark Sachse
Vice-President Julia Munoz
Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Byrnes
Board Member Gabe Sharp
Board Member Kevin Anthony
Board Member Don Huffstetler
Board Member Kristin Scott
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Johnson

Visitors: Mayor Brad Hyman

Board Member Reports, Discussion, and Presentation Director Lindholm presented to the board accomplishments of the past couple of years and then made a presentation of projects underway and challenged the board to create goals for current year.

Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance

There will be a stakeholders meeting on January 15, 2025 at 10 a.m. in the conference room for input from the public regarding our revamping of the current land use and zoning ordinance.

Parks Plan and TPWD Grant

The City of Mount Vernon has been awarded Parks and Wildlife \$650k grant for Little Creek Park. This is to make improvements strictly in the park.

Projects – Loves remodel and expansion is well underway with expected completion date of March 31, 2025, ISD expansion and renovation is still in progress, Starbucks project opening date of February 10, 2025, N. Corridor is still in progress with land aquisitions

Infrastructure Improvements – WWTP, WTP, Water Meters, TWDB project status – Raw Water Line Loan, Water Pumps, etc. We are expected to receive a \$10 million loan from TWDB for replacement of the raw water

line coming from the lake to the water treatment plant with a 90% loan forgiveness. This will replace the line with a larger line.

Identify the goals for 2025

The board members expressed concern for the Emergency Services District need and would like to participate if that fits within thier scope.-Will place on next agenda with information from city attorney.

goals including but not limited to:

North Corridor property acquisitionProperty for an industrial park

acting on the housing study

board members being more active with businesses-possibly lunches again

Hotel

lithium plant

new leads

The board as a whole agreed that Director Lindholm should bring them a list at the next meeting of the goals drilled down to specifics.

There will be a joint workshop with City Council on 2/13/25 for land use/zoning ordinance and housing study.

Discussion closed at 7:20 p.m.

/s/ Kathy Lovier Johnson
Kathy Lovier Johnson, City Secretary