



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Thursday, April 10, 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

Call to Order

Board President Sachse called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

President Mark Sachse
Vice-President Julia Munoz
Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Byrnes
Board Member Gabe Sharp
Board Member Kevin Anthony
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Johnson
Assistant City Secretary Angie Pike

ABSENT: Board Member Don Huffstetler and Board Member Kristin Scott

VISITORS: Samantha Dean, Ronnie and Missy Davis, Mayor Hyman

Public Comment

The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Board from responding to any comments other than to refer the matter to a future agenda, to an existing policy, or to a staff person with specific factual information. Claims against the Board or employees, as well as individual personnel appeals are not appropriate for citizens' forum.

No one spoke.

Consent Agenda

1. minutes 3/13/25

Motion made by Board Member Anthony, Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Munoz, Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Anthony

Public Hearing

Hear evidence for or against a request made by Samantha Dean owner of Infinity Tans Mount Vernon, to provide assistance with Existing Business Structure Assistance for the business located at 102 Jackson Street, Suite 2, Mt. Vernon, Texas.

Hear evidence for or against a request made by Melissa Davis dba Big Dawg Sports and Collectibles to provide assistance with Graduated Rental Assistance for the business located at 111 E. Dallas Street, Mt. Vernon, Texas.

Board President Sachse closed the Regular Session at 6:09 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

Samantha Dean spoke in favor of providing assistance with her request. She explained to the board what she did with the money she saved from their assisting her with the rental assistance program. She is continuing to grow and expand her business. She will be purchasing new bulbs for all the beds at her expense if the board is willing to help her to replace her oldest bed and having it rewired.

Melissa Davis spoke in favor of her request for rental assistance. She advised they have been in business and are expanding and moving to a large location. She will appreciate any help the board is willing to give.

No one spoke against either request.

Board President Sachse closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session.

Action Items:

2. Consider and act upon approval of application submitted by Samantha Dean dba Infinity Tans Mt Vernon for existing business structure assistance.

Motion made by Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes to support this project up to \$12,000 in reimbursements. This can be for purchase of bed and installation, Seconded by Board Member Sharp. Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Munoz, Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Anthony

3. Consider and act upon approval of application submitted by Melissa Davis dba Big Dawg Sports & Collectibles for graduated rental assistance.

Motion made by Board Member Sharp to reimburse half (50% of \$1400) of rent for eighteen (18) months, Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes. Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Munoz, Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Anthony

4. Consider and act upon approval of board officers for the upcoming year. Current officers: Mark Sachse - President, Julia Munoz - Vice President, Jeff Byrnes - Secretary

Motion made by Board Member Anthony to keep officers as they are, Mark Sachse President, Julia Munoz Vice-President, and Jeff Byrnes Secretary/Treasurer, Seconded by Board Member Sharp. Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Munoz, Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Anthony

Board Member Reports and Discussion

2025/2026 budget

MHS Planning

Geoframe

We will be discussing the 25/26 budget in June and approving in July.

MHS Planning just completed the zoning ordinance amendment and land use ordinance.

Geoframe will be speaking at the Franklin County Industrial Foundation meeting at 10 a.m. on 4/11/25.

Adjourn

Motion made by Vice-President Munoz at 6:35 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Board Member Anthony.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Munoz, Secretary/Treasurer Byrnes, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Anthony

/s/ *Mark Sachse*

Mark Sachse - Board President

ATTEST:

/s/ *Kathy Lovier Johnson*

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary