



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**Thursday, May 09, 2024 – 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.*

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order**

President Sachse called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present.

#### **PRESENT**

President Mark Sachse  
Secretary/Treasurer Julia Munoz  
Board Member Gabe Sharp  
Board Member Jeff Byrnes  
Board Member Don Huffstetler  
City Administrator Craig Lindholm  
City Secretary Kathy Lovier  
Assistant City Secretary Angie Pike

ABSENT Vice-President Roger Gekiere and Board Member Kevin Anthony

VISITORS Cassidy Wesson, Julie Knotts, Chad, Tim Seymore, Ryan & Brittany Franza, Jeremy & Kim Howard

#### **Public Comment**

No one spoke.

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes 3/14/204  
March and April 2024 Financial Report

#### **Public Hearing**

The purpose of this hearing is to hear evidence for or against a request made by Julie Knotts dba Kountry Korner Creations to provide assistance with Graduated Rental Assistance for the business located at 101 Houston Street, Mt. Vernon, Texas.

President Sachse closed the regular session and opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Julie Knotts owner of Kountry Korner Kreations spoke in favor of the application. Mrs Knotts reported with the money reimbursed she will be purchasing additional inventory and a refrigeration system to store flowers.

President Sachse closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular session at 6:07 p.m.

**Presentation by Ryan and Brittany Franza regarding The Oaks on 37 RV Park and billboard signage.**

The Franza's gave a brief overview of the RV/Tiny Home park. They have worked extremely hard to get the center opened by the solar event, they will be hosting concerts at their amphitheater, July 4th celebratoin and they will be participating in the Carry the Load event downtown in May 24th. Brittany has recently joined out Main Street Board. They whole family and staff have been very supportive and helpful to Mt Vernon as a whole and we are happy to them in our community.

**Action Items:**

2. Consider and act upon approval of request made by Julie Knotts dba Kountry Korner Kreations for graduated rental assistance.

Motion made by Board Member Sharp, Seconded by Board Member Huffstetler.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

3. Consider and act upon approval of contract with MHS Planning for Parks and Open Space Master Plan & TPWD Grant.

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

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

**Board Member Reports and Discussion**

advertising on local radio station/billboards

Gadlin Street and Frito Lay

The City and the EDC are discussing with the local radio station how to package a deal for the City/EDC to pay half and the businesses that want to participate to advertise multiple times daily for a six month period. All businesses in town will be invited to participate and lower the costs for all.

Gadlin Street and Frito Lay will be moved to the June meeting agenda due to waiting for more information.

**Executive**

**Session**

Deliberation regarding real property pursuant to *Texas Government Code, §551.072*, to discuss or deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

**RECONVENE**

Reconvene into Open Session to Consider Matters Discussed in Closed Session (If Any)

President Sachse closed the regular session at 7:04 p.m. and opened the Executive Session.

President Sachse closed the Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Session.

There no further action to take at this time.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Board Member Huffstetler, Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Munoz.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

*/s/ Mark Sachse*

**Mark Sachse - Board President**

**ATTEST:**

*/s/ Kathy Lovier*

**Kathy Lovier – City Secretary**