



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Thursday, April 21, 2022 – 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

President Sachse called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

President Mark Sachse
Vice-President Roger Gekiere
Secretary/Treasurer Gail Reed
Board Member Gabe Sharp
Board Member Jack Carlson
Board Member Kevin Anthony
City Secretary Kathy Lovier

VISITORS:

Tina Rose, Annetta Hamilton, Brad Hyman, Martin Sanchez and Lillie Bush-Reves

Public Comment

Lillie Bush-Reves thanked the Board members for their participation in the Hospitality Room for the Food and Wine Festival. She further reported that the Room was appreciated by those who held booth space for the event.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 12-16-2021
December 2021 financial report
January 2022 financial report
February 2022 financial report
March 2022 financial report

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

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Reed, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Carlson, Board Member Anthony

Action Items:

2. Consider and Act upon approval of amendment to incentive policy.

This was referred to the May 12, 2022 meeting, Martin Sanchez was instructed to bring the correct verbiage for the amendment.

3. Appointment of board officers for May 2022 through April 2023.

Motion made by Vice-President Gekiere to keep the officers as they currently sit: Mark Sachse, President, Roger Gekiere, Vice-President and Gail Reed, Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Board Member Anthony.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Reed, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Carlson, Board Member Anthony

4. Consider and Act upon application by Julia Munoz for board member.

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

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Reed, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Carlson, Board Member Anthony

Secretary/Treasurer Reed reported that she and Board Member Anthony read approximately 100 essays and agreed on two exceptional students. The scholarships will be awarded 5/16/2022 at the MVISD Awards Banquet. Names will be kept secret until the award.

President Sachse appointed Kevin Anthony to take over the business incentive lunches and they will now be quarterly instead of monthly.

Consultant Sanchez reported he suggests a joint workshop with Council and EDC Board, he appreciates the meetings being moved to quarterly, he wants to begin a leadership growth with businesses (asking each to put forth one employee) to meet and discuss the businesses issues and what each business actually does. This will be a place where businesses can help one other become better and a better support to each other. He also attended with Gail Reed the Northeast Texas Arts Entertainment Co-op.

Executive Session President Sachse closed the Regular Session at 6:55 p.m. and opened 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 President Sachse closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Session at 8:08 p.m. Reconvene into Open Session to Consider Matters Discussed in Closed Session (If Any)

Motion made by President Sachse to approve allowing Martin Sanchez to continue to work on the project discussed. Seconded by Board Member Sharp.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Reed, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Carlson, Board Member Anthony

Adjourn

Motion made by Board Member Carlson at 8:10 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Vice-President Gekiere. Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Reed, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Carlson, Board Member Anthony

Persons with disabilities desiring to attend the meeting and without transportation may contact City Hall at 903-537-2252 for assistance.

The Mount Vernon Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting with its attorney in accordance with Section 551.071; deliberate the purchase or sale of real property in accordance with section 551.072; deliberate personnel matters in accordance with 551.074; and/or deliberate regarding economic development negotiations. However, no action will be taken during the Executive Session because none is permitted by law.

_____/s/ Mark Sachse_____

Mark Sachse – Board President

ATTEST:

_____/s/ Kathy Lovier_____

Kathy Lovier – City Secretary