

Sweeny Economic Development Corporation
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024

I. **Call to Order**

Devin Lemon called to order the meeting of the Sweeny Economic Development Corporation at 6:05 pm on September 9, 2024, at Sweeny Fire and Rescue.

II. **Roll Call**

Michelle Medina conducted roll call. The following were present: Bill Hayes, Devin Lemon, Jenny Massey, Brittanie Hopkins, Katie Goff, and Kay Roe. Absent: Mary Karstedt. Visitors: Wayman Hutchings, Karen Hutchings, Shaun Massey, Neal Bess Jr., and Christine Sowles.

III. **Financial Report – June 2024, July 2024 and August 2024**

M. Medina reviewed the financial reports. K. Goff made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. J. Massey 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

IV. **Minutes for Regular Meeting June 2024 and Special Meeting July 1, 2024**

B. Hayes made a motion to approve June 10, 2024, minutes. K. Roe 2nd. All in favor and motion carried. B. Hayes made a motion to approve Special Meeting July 1, 2024, minutes. K. Goff 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

V. **Reports**

EDC Executive Director:

I have spoken to Mr. Thomas with Southern Oil and Energy. He is interested in land at the Industrial Park. I met with Mr. Broussard with Equipment Share he is the property contact for the company. I have also spoken with Brian, VP of Equipment Share. They do have an application for incentive. I have been in contact with Francis Heckler with Hart's Automotive. She is interested in a Block Grant. Debbie Bass with Dairy Mart has signed paperwork as the new owner. She is also interested in Block Grant. I have been working with J. Massey and Reese Cook on the budget. Received an email update from Doug Colvin attorney handling the Flash Fitness case. Liz Flash has been served. He is looking for a good address to serve Lecta Johnson. M. Medina found a Matagorda and Mississippi address to provide to the attorney. I have been trying to get other Sales Tax reports from the State Comptroller office.

City:

Councilman/Mayor Pro tem N. Bess Jr. gave a brief report. There is some restructuring going on at City Hall. We have an interim city manager. The city is working on their budget.

VI. **Old Business:**

a. Industrial Park Project – D. Lemon mentioned at the last city council meeting it was brought up that the cost of the water tie-in is going to be more than

- what this board approved at our last meeting. It is going to be \$13,800 because they must bore under the road. J. Massey made a motion to approve the \$13,800 for the water tie-in. K. Roe 2nd. All in favor and motion carried. I was sent an invoice for \$65,154.64 from TNMP to extend the electrical to Trilogy Resources. K. Goff made a motion to move forward to pay TNMP to extend the electrical to Trilogy Resources. K. Roe 2nd. B. Hopkins abstained, everyone else in favor. Motion carried. M. Medina to call TNMP and have the invoice put in the Sweeny EDC name. As far as the speed limit signs are concerned – D. Lemon asked everyone to review the CCR's for the industrial park. M. Medina to send a copy to all the board members.
- b. 2024/2025 Budget – J. Massey sent out the version of the budget that was approved. The council still has concerns about the mowing, publication and fireworks.

VII. **New Business:**

- a. Mowing bids for the industrial park – M. Medina handed the 2 sealed mowing bids to D. Lemon to open. The first was written on a piece of paper. Mr. Kaiser bid \$8,000. The second bid was from Stark Inc. Their bid was \$5,550 to mow 4 times a year the back acreage. The front approximately 1 ½ acre, they will mow for \$150 each time we need mowed. K. Goff made a motion to table. Ask M. Medina to reach out to Stark to negotiate. B. Hopkins 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.
- b. EDC Board member applications - M. Medina explained there are four board members up – D. Lemon, M. Karstedt, B. Hopkins and K. Goff. D. Lemon, M. Karstedt and K. Goff will not be submitting a new application. The board will review B. Hopkins, Neal Bess Jr., Agatha Sanches and Christine Sowles applications. J. Massey made a motion to accept Neal Bess Jr., B. Hopkins, and Christine Sowles' applications to the EDC board of directors. K. Roe 2nd. B. Hopkins abstained. Everyone else in favor. Motion carried.

D. Lemon stated they will now go into executive session to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation at 7:25 pm.

Reconvene regular session at 8:00 pm.

D. Lemon asked M. Medina to bring back the Executive Director's evaluation to the next meeting. The board needed some clarification on some items.

VIII. **Announcements/Items for Community Interest**

B. Hayes thanked everyone for the continued prayers for his wife. W. Hutchings said September 28th SFD vs SPD softball game.

D. Lemon adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Approved and passed October 14, 2024.

Michelle Medina, Executive Director Sweeny EDC
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