

City of Murchison  
Economic Development Corporation  
November 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m. Minutes  
9540 FM 773 Murchison, TX  
City Hall 903-469-3710

City of Murchison Economic Development Corporation meets in regular session on the first Tuesday of every month

\*Opening prayer: Q Wilcox Pledge of Allegiance Bradley Gray -call to order. 6:01 pm

Public Recognition (Citizen Comment(s):

HB 2840 – Any citizen wishing to address the EDC Board on an agenda item may do so during the Citizen Comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the EDC Board. Sign in sheet (5 minutes)

Consent Items:

1. Approve August, September and October 2024 financials
  - a. What is account 6114? Baseball account city approved to create for baseball field needs. Wade Carter mentions that the EDC should be separate from the city's accounts
  - b. Lawrence Cotter motioned to accept financial statements; Bobette Elliot seconded; passed unanimously
2. Approve August 2024 minutes
  - a. Lawrence Cotter motions to accept August 2024 minutes, Bobette Elliot seconds; passes unanimously

Old Business:

1. Ballfield update and opening day
  - a. 75 to 100 people came out for opening day. The family of Mr. Peavy spoke during the dedication of the plaque attached to the concession stand. Two teams from Athens and Murchison played a few innings. Anyone who wants to use the field can get the rules and policies for field at City Hall
2. Update on small business grants
  - a. Two grants of \$7500 were awarded to both Bee Line Promotion and Smith and Sons Tractor. Smith and Sons used the entire \$7500 grant plus some of their own. Bee Line used all but \$1967.55 which they will send back to the EDC

New Business:

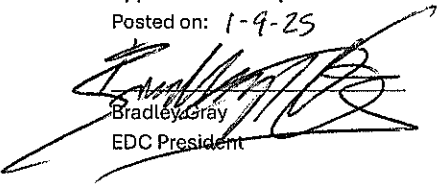
1. Discuss, review and take action on Budget for 2025
  - a. The numbers in blue are the proposed budget amounts. Moved some funds from training to Advertising so the Citizen Committee can do more events throughout the year. Will try to do two more Business Improvement Grants of \$7500 each in 2025
    - i. Wade Carter motions to accept the budget, Lawrence Cotter seconds; passes unanimously
2. Murchison Citizen Committee requesting to help fund Christmas events
  - a. Kayla Gray says last year the Harvest Fest was a success but a lot of work. A lot of offers to help but no one showed up leaving just Bradley Gray, Torance McClean, Kayla Gray and Micah McClean to do all the work. Bradley Gray and Q Wilcox took a class last year that they found out the EDC can help fund these kind of community events. The Fire Department helped last year but it's hard to get the Chief to commit. The committee is worried they won't get the funding from the Fire Department in time to be able to plan for an event. We would like it to be bigger than last year. Wade Carter suggested to go to the board of the fire department and bypass going through the fire chief. We have \$3800 in our advertising fund left from this year; last year the committee used roughly \$5k for the events and wanting to get help with funding this year. December 14<sup>th</sup> is the date of the pancakes with Santa the Fire Department is hosting and we will do the parade and lighting of the tree the same day. Bobette Elliot suggested they also reach out to the school and churches for help.
    - i. Wade Carter motions to give the Citizen Committee \$2,000 for the Christmas Event, Lawrence Cotter seconds; passes unanimously
3. Banners ordered for Holiday Season
  - a. Ordered banners for the city poles and adding a bracket to the pole in front of the Baptist Church on FM 773

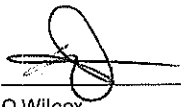
Motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm by Bobette Elliot, seconded by Lawrence Cotter; passes unanimously

Next meeting December 3, 2024, 6:00 pm

Approved on: 1-7-25

Posted on: 1-9-25

  
Bradley Gray  
EDC President

  
Q Wilcox  
Secretary