

A City of Murchison
Economic Development Corporation Minutes
Tuesday April 2, 2024 – 6:00 PM
City Hall 9540 FM 773 Murchison TX

(903) 469-3710

Called to order at 6:13 pm Bradley Gray

Opening prayer by James Hardin

Opening pledge by Torance McClean

Present: Bradley Gray, Torance McClean, Wade Carter, Lawrence Cotter, James Hardin, Q Wilcox

Gallery: Cornelia Haynes

Consent Items:

1. Approve March 2024 Financials
 - a. Motion to accept by Torance McClean; 2nd motion by Lawrence Cotter, motion passes
2. Approve February 2024 Minutes
 - a. Motion to accept by Torance McClean; 2nd motion by Lawrence Cotter, motion passes

New Business:

1. Discuss welcome signs and welcome/holiday banners
 - a. Welcome signs and banners among other city events can be funded by the EDC; which was learned at a class that Q Wilcox and Bradley Gray took December 2023. Almost nine years ago the EDC bought a stone Murchison sign to be put on Highway 31. The city is currently looking to adopt a new city logo and motto and the EDC would like to purchase a sign or signs to put on the east and west ends of town. At one point in time we had banners hanging on the light posts for Christmas and other events. We spoke to Oncor who owns the poles and have permission to hang banners again. We have eight poles on Highway 31. No prices of banners or signs as of yet.
 - i. Cornelia Haynes comments she doesn't see the point in the banners
 - b. Motion to proceed researching the prices by Torance McClean, 2nd the motion James Hardin; motion passes
2. Annual report filed with Texas Comptroller on March 27th
 - a. Each year by April 1 we are required to submit annual financial report with the Texas State Comptroller. We filed it on March 27th 2024. Total revenue has gone up, more expenditures in 2023. Sign for MVFD, 2 business grants, that's been taken care of

Old Business:

1. Ballfield renovation started
 - a. Renovations started this week, bid process was done second week of March. Fence, dugout and bleachers are being worked on currently. \$14,500 for Phase I, Phase II bids went out April 2, 2024; deadline to be turned in is April 26, 2024
2. Update on Business Improvement Grants

- a. The grants we awarded to Smith & Sons six month start date was March 6, 2024, on March 28, 2024 Q Wilcox hand delivered a letter to Smith & Sons about why they haven't started yet. A response was received that day stating on start date due weather and fiber optic crews. Bee Line's deadline is April 6, 2024. Waiting on somethings to be delivered still.
 - i. Cornelia Haynes asked what if they don't use all the grant funds?
 - ii. The money is given back to the EDC, receipts of projects will be required.

Next EDC meeting to be May 7, 2024 at 6 pm

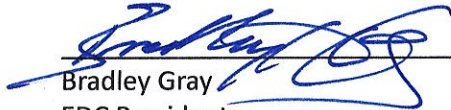
Lawrence Cotter motions at 6:32 pm to adjourn, Wade Carter 2nd motion to adjourn, motion passes

Approved on:

Posted on:



Q Wilcox
EDC Secretary



Bradley Gray
EDC President