

Minutes of Special Board Meeting  
of the  
Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation

The Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation met in a Special Board meeting at the office located at 1720 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, 75156, on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Rankin called the meeting to order with Skains, Osborne, Damiano, and Black. A quorum was established. Sandy Janow joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Citizen's Comment: None

1. Discuss and/or take action to rescind action on EDC FY 2014-2015 Budget on August 17, 2014.

Rankin asked to change the word from rescind to amend. Black made a motion to change the word from rescind to amend. Damiano seconded. All directors voted 'aye'. Motion carried

2. Discuss and/or take action to modify if necessary and reapprove the EDC FY 2014-2015 Budget

Webster explained that his role was to understand thoroughly and explain to the City Council each line item in this budget so we can get it amended and passed.

Page 1-Emergicon shows to be a revolving loan. Was it a line of credit instead of a revolving loan?

Rankin: It was set up in our budget as a revolving loan when it was initiated. It is a line of credit but as far as budget terminology so I've kept it as that term.

Webster: Would there be any objection to correcting that from revolving loan to line of credit since that's what it says in the performance agreement?

Rankin: As long as the auditors don't have an issue with it, I don't.

Damiano: There is a second issue on that, Curtis. That was put together subject to annual EDC review and approval. That hasn't been done in the past two years.

Rankin: There hasn't been a need to do that since they pay off their debt quickly. So we haven't had any complications with their line of credit at all.

Webster: So they haven't asked for anything?

Rankin: They come back whenever they grow; a group of employees or new clients. They buy new equipment and bring us the invoice.

Webster didn't think it was his job to question the procedure. That's up to the EDC to point out things among themselves. I'm recommending to change it to the three year line of credit.

Black: Is that what's listed in the performance agreement?

Rankin: No it's revolving loan.

Evans: It's listed as a line of credit.

Rankin: If the performance agreement lists it as a line of credit, then let's have it in there that way.

Black: Is there just one more year on this?

Rankin: Yes.

Damiano: We are talking about a company wanting moving out of Gun Barrel City. Does that have any effect on it? Does it need to be revisited every year?

Rankin: My take on this is we've got an excellent company and I certainly wouldn't want to be an antagonistic EDC Board.

Webster suggested putting it on the agenda and review the performance agreement and move forward.

Damiano made a motion to change Boots to Business from \$100,000 back to \$50,000. Osborne seconded. All directors voted 'aye'. Motion passed. Additional \$50,000 would go

Reduce Town Center from \$200,000 to \$150,000. Webster said they planned to build a wall and didn't see a need to increase. City would do some lighting. Sidewalks hadn't been discussed.

Osborne: All these budgets items have been increased from before. Ron Wyrick was there so every number that is here has been talked about and agreed on. If you want to bring that down to a hundred and fifty, let's do it. Just tell us what we want to do and get it done.

Webster: The reason we are here is to discuss and it's not my point to cut everything back. I want to have a thorough understanding. I understand you all approved the budget, but the council didn't. They gave me a dictate to go line by line.

Rankin: Does the Task Force have a priority list for Town Center?

Webster: The last Task Force meeting we were going to do the wall, a decorative entry to the town center. No decision had been made on the sign.

Rankin made a motion to reduce Town Center from \$200,000 to \$150,000. Osborne seconded. All directors voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Aquatic Center would be about a four million dollar project.-no change in budget.

Feasibility Study: Webster made recommendations when the EDC was doing studies on land and CCN's. Objections would be raised if Gun Barrel City tried to start up a water company. (All water districts projects would have to be approved by the voters)

Emergicon: \$10,000 to \$100,000: The old city property should be used for retail. Webster suggested doing a binding or unbinding letter of intent with Emergicon. At this time Emergicon is dictating the terms to the EDC. The increase was for a future incentive.

Project Office: \$10,000 to \$100,000. Thirty-five hundred had been spent. The increase was for future incentives. Consider all the facts before moving forward.

Black questioned the space Emergicon had requested.

Skate Park: \$200,000 was a place holder for a future project.

Remove Go Texan-\$5,000. Approved by council and the recertification of "Go Texan" had been paid September 2, 2014. This was removed from the budget.

Executive Director: Has been approved by Council vote of 5-0. Do you need the money in Orasi's line item. Do you want to cut \$30,000 back?

Rankin: Until we complete the feasibility study and decide what to do with marketing this board does not do enough to do all the work. She was working thirty hours a week.

Webster asked the EDC directors to verify that they wanted to continue to leave this in the budget, since I'm going to recommend to the council that we make Orasi's line item a \$10,000 amount.

Rankin: We still owe him eighty-seven hundred dollars and we are going to have another six thousand and we will need someone to help us with the marketing. So I don't see how you can cut the thirty thousand back.

Webster: Haven't we already paid him for the-.

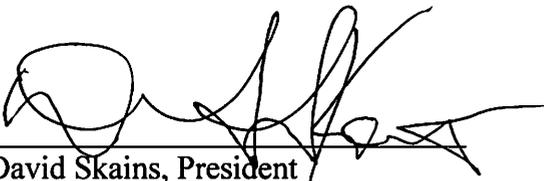
Rankin: No we haven't.

Rankin didn't think the council took into consideration that an Executive Director would take one quarter of the EDC budget.

Damiano: For clarification on that. The six thousand comes off the thirty thousand which immediately drops you to twenty-four. Thirty thousand is probably reasonable.

Adjournment: 10:56 a.m.

Approved by:

  
David Skains, President

Attest by:

  
Patsy Black, Secretary