

**MINUTES  
GROVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
GROVES CITY HALL  
February 26, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Rhonda Dugas  
Paul Oliver  
Mark McAdams  
Pete Konidis  
Letha Kanus  
Sidney Baden  
Lamar Ozley  
Brandon Monk  
Kevin Carruth**

**ABSENT:**

**Derek Theall (family emergency)**

**President Rhonda Dugas called the meeting to order.**

**Prayer and Pledge was given by Mrs. Letha Knaus.**

**President Rhonda Dugas welcomed guest and news media.**

**ITEM V:**

**President Dugas called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023**

**Groves Economic Development Corporation. Take a record vote.**

**Motion was made by Pete Konidis and a second was made by Sidney Baden**

**Ms. Dugas called for a discussion. There were no questions or discussion.**

**Ms. Dugas called for a vote. All were in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.**

**ITEM IV:**

**Ms. Dugas called for citizen comments. There were no citizen comments.**

**ITEM VII:**

**Ms. Dugas opened discussion on new business, potential business, and Existing business. It was noted CARSTAR had purchased the green buildings on Main and Terrell. Timber Creek Church would be opening soon, and Valvoline would be moving into Groves. CARSTAR could possibly open in April. CARSTAR is a national franchise and Mr. King owns this one. Valvoline plans are under review.**

**ITEM VIII:**

Ms. Dugas called for the Financial Reports to be discussed. Budget Report For December 2023 and January 2024. Sales Tax report for December 2023 and January 2024. We had a new record for December. For our first four months we are 4% ahead of last year. Last year (2023) we were 12.9%. For Budget Report EDC gets 1/3 of all sales tax. The fire station interest is Already paid and in September the payment for the loan is due. We had No expenditures in February. In January we had one reimbursement and and expenditure for Town Square Publications. The Chamber magazine will be out in a couple of weeks. There were no questions or additional discussion.

**ITEM IX:**

Deliberate and act on EDC Director attending a workshop in Houston. Ms. Dugas called for a motion. Mark McAdams made the motion and a second was made by Sidney Badon. The total cost would be \$317.92. Ms. Dugas opened called for a discussion. Ms. Dugas mentioned the milage is \$.67 per mile per IRS. Mr. Ozley stated he would not be staying the night. Mr. Ozley stated the Director is required to go to training for the EDC Once a year. Ms. Dugas called for a record vote. Each Board member voted yes and none were opposed. Motion Passed.

**ITEM X:**

Deliberate and act on a discussion to add feather flags to the advertisement reimbursements. Ms. Dugas called for a motion and a second. A motion was made by Pete Konidis and a second was made by Mark McAdams. Ms. Dugas explained that the Board had not previously voted on including Feather flags in advertising reimbursement and an application was on the agenda for consideration to include the feather flags. Ms. Dugas said she asked Mr. Ozley to make copies of the agenda email so the Board could refer to the information provided in the email. Lucy, the office manager for Trevco Insurance was In attendance and spoke to the Board. She explained how the flags were used and what they said. Ms. Dugas said that more and more businesses are using the feather flags to draw attention to the business location. Mr. Trevino's application shows signage that includes the feather flags because that is the way it was presented to Ms. Dugas. The application would be amended depending on the decision the Board would make. Ms. Dugas called for a record vote. Each Board voted yes and none were opposed. Motion passed.

**ITEM XI:**

Ms. Dugas called for a discussion only on changing the day and time of the EDC meetings. Ms. Dugas called for a motion and a second. A motion Was made by Letha Knaus and a second was made by Paul Oliver. Sidney Badon said it is 7 pm now because the City Council meeting Was longer than expected. He wants the meeting changed. Ms. Dugas said this is government day we have City Council and EDC regardless

how long the meetings run. Zoom is available for the public and the public can come a little later for the EDC meeting at 5:30, she did not see a reason to change it and Friday would be an available day. Mark McAdams stated he is a member of other boards and this day is more convenient for him. Paul Oliver said this day and time works for him and with the city business. Letha Knaus did not see that changing the day and time would affect how many people attend. Ms. Dugas stated we do not always have an executive session during City Council and even if it goes longer than 15 minutes that is the nature of the meeting in discussing the business of the city and we cannot predict how long a meeting will be.

**ITEM XII:**

Deliberate and act on GEDC grant reimbursement application for Stacked Cake and Confection Company. The reimbursement is in The amount of \$275 for advertising. Ms. Dugas called for a motion and second. Letha Knaus made the motion and a second was made by Mark McAdams. Ms. Dugas called for a discussion. Emily's advertising is for the Chamber magazine. Ms. Dugas called for a record vote. Each Board member voted yes and the motion passed.

**ITEM XII:**

Deliberate and act on GEDC grant reimbursement application for Classic Finds. The reimbursement is in the amount of \$372.28 For advertising and security cameras. Ms. Dugas called for a Motion and a second. Motion was made by Pete Konidis and a second was made by Paul Oliver. Ms. Dugas called for a discussion. Mrs. Hoyt came before the Board as required. Ms. Dugas called for A record vote. Each Board member voted yes and none were opposed. The motion passed.

**ITEM IV:**

Deliberate and act on GEDC grant reimbursement application for Trevco Insurance and Financial Service. The reimbursement is For \$4,797.55 for advertising and signage. Ms. Dugas called for a Motion and a second. A motion was made by Pete Konidis and a Second was made by Sidney Badon. Lucy who is the office manager Attended the meeting. Ms. Dugas explained that the item would need to be amended to reflect the change for feather flags to be added to advertising and this would lower the total amount to \$3,707. Ms Dugas also stated she had emailed Mr. Trevino and explained the situation in detail to him. Ms. Dugas called for the motion to be amended and seconded. Pete Konidis amended the motion and Sidney Badon seconded. The total was amended to \$3,707. Ms. Dugas called for a record vote and each Board member voted yes and none were opposed. Motion passed.

**ITEM XV:**

**Ms. Dugas called for GEDC Member Comments.**

**Sidney Badon said he is not for the churches to receive any EDC reimbursement because they are a tax exempt organization. Ms. Dugas remarked that a discussion about churches has been in the works for time and she would like additional information before bringing it before the board. Ms. Dugas had previously said she was considering a discussion about this issue. There were no additional comments.**

**ITEM XVI:**

**Ms. Dugas adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.**