

MINUTES

CITY OF GROVES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

GROVES CITY HALL

JULY 17, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rob Vensel, Rhonda Dugas, Paul Oliver, Mark McAdams, Derick Theall, Brandon Monk, Sidney Badon, Letha Knaus.

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Welcome to the guest and new media.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Vensel called for a motion and a second to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2023, Groves Economic Development Corporation Meeting. Ms. Dugas stated she had attached the minutes to the agenda email. The motion was made by Mark McAdams and a second by Sidney Badon. There were no questions, and a record vote was taken. The motion was approved.

Mr. Vensel called for Citizen Comments. There were no citizen comments.

V. Mr. Vensel discussed business updates and potential or any information on existing structures or the hospital. Mr. Vensel did not have any new information. Ms. Dugas stated she emailed Mr. Billeaud and he did not have any new information either. Mr. Badon said he was concerned that

the property had been assessed a \$50,000 water bill and the buyer had paid the amount. Mr. Badon was concerned the city had not lowered the bill. He stated that this man is a personal friend of his but did not know he was going to ask about this. Ms. Dugas asked Mr. Ozley if there was any negotiation with the amount due. Mr. Ozley stated any liens, outstanding debts, any utility bills, the property has to the city would be included in the \$50,000. Mr. Ozley stated the buyers lawyer had contacted him for a discussion and clarification of the amount. The buyers lawyer was given the amount owed.

VI. Mr. Vensel called for a presentation, review and discussion of the monthly sales tax report for June and July 2023. Mr. Ozley discussed May and June, there had not been anything reported for July. Mr. Ozley stated that these numbers go back a month. This is regular for the sales tax report and the numbers will be for May. This is how it is reported. The handouts did not print as well as expected. Ms. Dugas asked if there were any information for July and Mr. Ozley said no. The report shows the year 2019 through 2023. You can compare 2022 to 2023. Mr. Ozley stated \$2.5 million is estimated sales tax for the coming year. The report is a month to month and year to year comparison. The report shows two (2) months in a row where the collections are less than the previous year.

VII. Mr. Vensel called for present, review and discuss the Budget Report for June and July 2023. Mr. Ozley stated EDC receives 1/3 of the sales tax the city receives. The budget report shows expenditures from October 2022 through June 2023. The report shows a June transfer to the general fund for \$125,000 and the expenditure or payment for the fire station of \$579,750.00. Mr. Ozley also said that he added the year 2018 – 2019 to the budget report. Ms. Dugas stated that these reports are attached to the agenda email. It is the same report Mr. Ozley sent to her.

VIII. Mr. Vensel called for a review and approval of the application for A Lot of This N That located at 3700 Main Avenue, Groves, Texas. A motion was made by Letha Knaus and a second by Sidney Badon. In the agenda

email it was explained that the amount needed to be amended due to the \$5000 cap for the category the application was submitted. Mr. Vensel called for an amended motion which Ms. Knaus did amend and Mr. Badon seconded. The amount for A Lot of This N That was amended to \$7,353.77. Ms. Garcia the owner spoke about the plans she has for her business and said she would like to put an electronic sign out in front of her business and Mr. Vensel suggested Ms. Garcia check with Armadillo Graphics. This company recently completed a sign for Tricia;s salon. A record vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Vensel called for GEDC Member Comments. Mr. Vensel welcomed the new board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.