

**PALACIOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
311 Henderson
Palacios, Texas 77465

MINUTES

December 07, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

PEDC Board President, Dannielle Krouse called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Council: This meeting was posted as a possible quorum for Council Members. No action.

CERTIFICATON OF QUORUM ~ Board President, Dannielle Krouse

INVOCATION ~ Board Member Sandra Catlett

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PEDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE

President, Dannielle Krouse, Present

Vice President, D.C. Dunham, Present

Mayor & Director, Jim Gardner, Present

Councilmember & Director, Michael Dotson, Present

Councilmember & Director, Chip Woolf, Present

Director, Katie Hutto, Present

Director, Sandra Catlett, Present

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager

Tammy McDonald, Finance Manager

Aleighta Galvan, City Secretary

Thomas Gwosdz, EDC Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

CITIZEN FORUM:

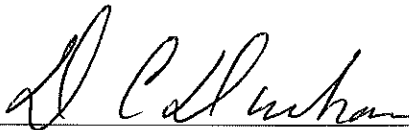
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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Minutes** ~ Discuss and act approving the minutes for EDC meeting of November 2, 2022. *Director Woolf announced a correction to be made in the minutes that he voted against the façade grant. MOTION TO APPROVE WITH AMENDEDMENT: DIRECTOR DUNHAM. SECONDED: MAYOR GARDNER. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*
2. **November Financials** ~ Tammy McDonald, Presentation of the November Financials. *Directors discussed their desire for line items listed. Directors discussed revenue and sales tax. NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.*
3. **Prior Project Funding** ~ President, Dannielle Krouse ~ Discuss and take possible action regarding prior funding approval for administrative support, Façade Grants, and other projects. *Directors discussed Bert West/ Façade Grant monies and what it will be used for. Directors debated funds from the City of Palacios being used for EDC purposes. City Attorney Gwosdz explained the government code to the corporation. Directors discussed hiring an EDC director, and how to split funding. MAYOR GARDNER MOVED THAT THE CORPORATION SPLIT THE CONVERSATION INTO TWO VOTES. SECONDED: DIRECTOR CATLETT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MAYOR GARDNER MOVED THAT THE CORPORATION REVOKE THE 25k FROM THE EDC BUDGET. SECONDED: DIRECTOR DOTSON. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Directors discussed the 50k for the Small Business Development Grant (formerly known as the Bert West Grant). City Attorney, Gwosdz, explained to Directors how they may use the monies from this grant. Directors discussed beautifying the entire city, and not just the downtown area. PRESIDENT KROUSE MOTIONED TO TABLE THIS ITEM. SECONDED: DIRECTOR DOTSON.*
4. **Downtown Infrastructure Project Proposal** ~ City Manager, Cynthia Raleigh ~ discuss and take possible action on the approval of the downtown infrastructure project as presented by the City of Palacios. *City Manager, Raleigh and Directors discussed the proposed project and current sewage issues within the city. Director Dunham asked questions about smoke testing and the presentation provided. Mayor Gardner asked questions about the process. Raleigh asked the Directors to decide to go forward with the project, or not. Raleigh and Directors discussed the process to go forward which would include a public hearing at their next scheduled meeting in January. MAYOR GARDNER MOTIONED TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLISH NOTICE FOR THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT. SECONDED: DIRECTOR DOTSON. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*
3. *Item number three was re-opened for discussion by President Krouse. Director Woolf voiced his opinion on the matter. Directors discussed application for the Bert West Grant. DIRECTOR DUNHAM MOTIONED TO RETAIN THE 50K BERT WEST SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT. SECONDED: DIRECTOR DOTSON. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DIRECTOR WOOLF WHO VOTED NAY.*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by President Krouse at 7:52PM.



D.C. Dunham, Vice President

ATTEST:


ALEIGHA GALVAN, City Secretary

