



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Thursday, June 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM

109 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas 75457

Our mission: to provide effective and fiscally responsible municipal services in a manner which promotes our high standard of community life.

Vision Statement Mount Vernon is a caring community committed to excellence and quality of life, aspiring to be the community of choice for ourselves, our children, and future generations – beautiful, clean, vibrant, and safe. We will strive to preserve our heritage, our friendly hometown atmosphere, and celebrate the diversity of all our citizens.

MINUTES

Call to Order

President Sachse called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum present.

PRESENT

President Mark Sachse
Vice-President Roger Gekiere
Secretary/Treasurer Julia Munoz
Board Member Gabe Sharp
Board Member Jeff Byrnes
Board Member Don Huffstetler
City Administrator Craig Lindholm
City Secretary Kathy Lovier
Assistant City Secretary Angie Pike

ABSENT

Board Member Kevin Anthony

VISITORS

Kassidy Wesson, Christopher Johnson, Betsy Gekiere

Public Comment

No one spoke.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes 5/9/2024

Motion made by Board Member Huffstetler, Seconded by Board Member Sharp.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

Public Hearing

Hear evidence for or against a request made by Tim Seymore dba Seymore Franza Investments dba The Oaks on 37 for assistance with a traffic impact study for the property located on State Hwy 37 S, Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457

President Sachse closed the regular session at 6:03 p.m and opened the public hearing.

Director Lindholm spoke on behalf of Seymore Franza Investments.

President Sachse closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular session at 6:06 p.m.

Action Items:

2. Consider and act upon approval of incentive application from The Oak on SH 37 for reimbursement of traffic study and liftsation part of the infustructure costs.

Motion made by Vice-President Gekiere, Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Munoz.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

3. Consider and act upon approval of request made by Key Club for financial assistance with restroom facilities for CountryFest 2024.

Motion made by Board Member Byrnes to fund this request up to \$2,100.00, Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Munoz.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

Voting Abstaining: Vice-President Gekiere

4. Consider and act upon approval of Tom Mullin Consultant, LLC for economic development consulting.

Motion made by Board Member Huffstetler, Seconded by Vice-President Gekiere.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

This venture will be at a maximum of \$6,000 and will be with Franklin County, Franklin County Industrial Foundation and the City of Mount Vernon. Each entity will pay their own way.

5. Consider and act upon approval of Housing Analysis for North Corridor Development by North Shore Solutions

Motion made by Board Member Huffstetler, Seconded by Board Member Byrnes.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

Board Member Reports and Discussion

Gadlin Street will need to be widened at a minimum of 600 feet to accomodate truck tractors to the Frito Lay storage facility. The approximate cost for the whole street is over \$2 million. The owner of Frito Lay facility is interested in buying LOVES property if they are willing to sell, President Sachse also showed interest as well as the Industrial Foundation.

6. 2024/2025 budget

A mark up of the proposed budget was presented by Director Lindholm. The budget will be voted on by the board in the July meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Board Member Huffstetler at 6:50 p.m. to close the meeting, Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Munoz.

Voting Yea: President Sachse, Vice-President Gekiere, Secretary/Treasurer Munoz, Board Member Sharp, Board Member Byrnes, Board Member Huffstetler

Mark Sachse - Board President

ATTEST

Kathy Lovier– City Secretary