

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission Meeting

July 27, 2022

Commenced: 5:05pm

Adjourned: 7:46pm

Present: Mike Lewis (Co-Chair), Hilde Betts, Kevin Brookins, Sterling Burke, George Chandler, Phillip Paige, Jessica Washington

Call to Order

Mike Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and conducted a roll call. He noted that Co-Chair Trinetta Britt-Johnson was absent due to the illness of a family member.

Approval of the Agenda/Minutes

Phillip Paige moved, seconded by Hilde Betts to approve the July 27, 2022, meeting agenda.

Ayes: 5 **Nays:** 0

Mike Lewis stated that there were no minutes of the June 2022 Economic Development Commission meeting and requested that approval of the minutes be waived.

Ayes: 5 **Nays:** 0

President's Update

President Burke reported the following:

- The Quick Run Shell Station is projected to open by year end. Lawrence's Fish & Shrimp is expected to open on August 15. State Farm Insurance has moved out of the Village. It's Possible Tutoring is moving into the storefront vacated by State Farm.
- The Village is in a good financial position. It has had a balanced budget and surplus for five consecutive years and does not have to borrow money.
- President Burke distributed a list of current and proposed Village business and construction projects. He announced that the Village has reserved \$200,000 to incentivize new businesses to settle in the Village.
- Several businesses have approached the Village for assistance with staffing.
- President Burke gave an update on the land bank and TIF. He also shared a PowerPoint presentation about the proposed hotel development project.

Action Steps

- Hilde Betts will contact Davis Staffing about providing workers for new Village businesses.
- Jessica Washington will obtain a list of sustainable/approved businesses.
- EDC members will call on local businesses (wellness checks) and the Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- Mike Lewis will prepare a recommendation letter regarding the hotel project.

Adjournment

Phillip Paige moved, seconded by Kevin Brookins to adjourn the meeting. Mike Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

Ayes: 5 **Nays:** 0