



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING  
DE LEON TYPE A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.  
5:00 p.m. – February 20, 2024  
DIDC Approved on March 20, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Toney Prather called the meeting to order at 5: 00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Members present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Toney Prather, Emma Gonzales, Feltz Terrill, Brandon Holland, Tim Beaty. Members not present for roll call were as follows; to wit: Heather Armstrong, and Kevin Caraway. Heather Armstrong arrived at 5:04 pm.
3. **INVOCATION:** Tim Beaty gave the invocation.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
No public comment.
5. **CONSENT (AUTOMATIC APPROVAL) AGENDA:** (All consent agenda items are considered routine by city council and will be one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.

**Minutes from January 16, 2024**

Brandon Holland made the motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2024. Tim Beaty seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

**6. REGULAR AGENDA: (Discuss and act separately on the following items)**

**a) Western Women of Inspiration – Candice Lauren**

Ms. Lauren made introductions. Ms. Lauren stated she started her project in 2019 with the intention to help rural women in need of mental health, spiritual guidance, and life coaching or counseling. Ms. Lauren expressed a need for a building to be placed on her land to use as a meeting place. She explained she owned the land already, but was requesting help for a building to place on the land. Toney Prather explained that the main focus of the EDC was to promote town growth in sales tax and employment and that the EDC isn't able to help outside the city limits. He suggested maybe reaching out to Comanche County. Heather Armstrong suggested to maybe look into getting assistance from a grant. Brandon Holland mentioned looking into empty building such as the old Higginbotham's building. No action taken.

**b) GV Bar & Grill – Diana Hernandez**

Ms. Hernandez introduced herself to the board and explained she is taking over ownership to the GV Bar & Grill. Diana presented each board member with a packet showing her desire and need for the establishment. Her documents included information on historic revenues but no information on expenses.

Toney Prather called for executive session at 5:20 pm.

Toney Prather resumed regular session at 5:31 pm. Toney then explained that more information was needed and asked Ms. Hernandez to return at the next meeting. Mr. Prather suggested the tabling of the loan request until more information was brought before the board. Tim Beaty made the motion to table the loan request until further information could be given. Heather Armstrong seconded the motion. All members present were in agreement. Motion carries

**c.) Beaty Cattle Company – Mark Beaty**

Item was removed from agenda. Mr. Beaty was not present.

**d.) EDC Coordinator report**

Jerry Leonard started his report by stating that the activity has been exciting for the beginning of 2024. Mr. Leonard said he traveled from Abilene to Santa Anna during the

last month representing De Leon. Jerry shared there was no activity on the “Reliable Infrastructure” group, but De Leon was represented in the county wide meeting of the Thriving Economy Working Group in Comanche on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Leonard went on to say he attended the Penatuhkah Trail Group in Santa Anna. There was a report about a Penatuhkah Comanche advisory committee and discussion of the Grand Opening. The Developing De Leon Corporation Today has been very active. Jerry reported there will Market Day event on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> in the City Hall Auditorium from 9am-2pm. They are expected to have 20 to 30 vendors. Jerry stated that the booths are affordable at just \$20.00 or may be paid by the year and get one month free. The group plans on having outside attractions to add to the draw. Mr. Leonard shared that the group plans on continuing this event every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday except August during the Peach & Melon Festival on the Chamber’s Golden Saturday. Jerry reported that at one of the Lion’s Club meetings a need for a project was raised. Mr. Leonard said he presented 2 projects for consideration. The first was Christmas lights on Texas Street. Texas Rural Living in Comanche had presented a quote and the Lion’s Club voted to fund the project if Developing De Leon would assume ownership. Developing De Leon agreed, and the lights have been ordered and will be installed in the fall. The second project was pole banner flags for the 10 streetlights on Texas Street. The Lion’s Club also voted to fund the project. Jerry stated that the project is pending some variances from Oncor on the placement of the banners. David Denman is to pursue them. Mr. Leonard shared that he is still volunteering at the car museum on Saturday mornings. The city council met on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. and the Developing De Leon report was given there as well.;

**Discuss Payment Issues:**

Toney Prather went over the payment issues with the board. Mr. Prather reported that he attended small claims court. Toney reported we received judgement on Kyndra Allen showed up and there was a \$20,000 judgment was made. Tim Beaty mentioned could we file criminal charges, to which Toney explained this would be difficult without all the serial numbers.

**Prospective projects, relevance and Community Involvement.**

No action taken

**7. STAFF REPORT:**

- **Report for the month ending.**
- **Accounts payable and receivable.**
- **Financial Report.**

Toney Prather went over the financial report. Tim Beaty makes the motion to approve the financial report and Brandon Holland seconds the motion. All present were in agreement. The motion carried.

- **Date of next meeting.**

Next meeting is March 20, 2024.

**8. ADJOURN:**


At 5:46 pm, Kevin Caraway made the motion to adjourn. Emma Gonzales seconds that motion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

I, *Laura Garza*, board designee for the De Leon Industrial Development Corporation, do hereby certify in good faith that the above and foregoing is true and correct of the regular meeting by the De Leon Industrial Development Corporation of the City of De Leon and of the minutes pertaining thereto on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
Laura Garza, Board Designee

Minutes **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the De Leon Industrial Development Corporation of

the City of De Leon on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.



Toney Prather, President