

Minutes of the Brookshire Economic Development Corporation Meeting
May 4, 2023

The Brookshire Economic Development Corporation held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023 in the Brookshire Municipal Building located at 4029 Fifth Street, Brookshire, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by President, Jeremiah Hill at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Prayer | Pledge to the U.S. Flag

Rev. Roosevelt Lasker lead the prayer
Everyone said the pledge to the U.S. Flag

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call:

Present:

President, Jeremiah Hill
Vice-President, Kathy Guy
Secretary/Treasurer, Mariela Aguilar
Director, Quotatious Dunn
Director, Susette Baines (Arrived 6:01 p.m.)
Director, Amanda Neuendorf

Also Present:

E.D.C. Coordinator, Mike Barnes
Attorney, Justin Pruitt
Administrative Assistant, Vickie Casto

Agenda Item #3 Public comments

N/A

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of BEDC Board Meeting Minutes April 6 2023.
- b. Approval of Pre-Paid Invoices
- c. Monthly Accounting Report

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Director, Amanda Neuendorf / Vice-President, Kathy Guy

All For
Motion Carried

Agenda Item #5 Discuss & Possible action regarding irrigation problems on Hwy. 90 (Roosevelt Lasker)

Mr. Lasker introduced Greg Neely to the board and they both explained the issue with the irrigation on Hwy 90. It will involve the water district and TXDOT.

After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Lasker get more information.

No Action

Agenda Item #6 Discuss & Possible action payment to Lasker & Son for Irrigation repairs at City Hall, Museum and Hwy. 90

Motion was made to approve payment to Lasker & Son for \$2,682., \$1,605., and \$820.

Director, Amanda Neuendorf / Secretary - Treasurer, Mariela Aguilar

All For

Motion Carried

Agenda Item #7 Discuss & Possible action amending Lasker & Son contract to include field across from City Hall

Tabled

Agenda Item #8 BEDC Coordinator's Report

Mr. Barnes addressed the board, and directed them to their packets to view the Newsletter and his report. He spoke of the 3.5 million Sq. Ft., \$350 million project at Empire West and how it has generated hundreds of jobs. He is now working on a 72-acre project that they will be needing the water districts participation. Brookshire is a hot commodity right now.

Ms. Aguilar asked if he could elaborate on the 72-acres project.

Mr. Barnes stated not at this time; but he could tell them that they would be very comfortable with the development. It's a similar project as what they seen at Empire West and Stream.

Ms. Aguilar asked if there were any updates on the Tesla situation.

Mr. Barnes stated that it is now known in the market place ... it might involve a third-party operator; but it's still a Tesla project.

Agenda Item #9 Presidents Report

Mr. Hill stated that he wanted to dove tail to what Mr. Barnes was saying. This week along he's had three phone calls on potential developments that they've thrown back in Mr. Barnes lap to start engaging in. They are having quiet a bit of interest in Brookshire and a lot of them are very interesting projects. He wanted to thank Mr. Barnes and the drainage district for their efforts in helping these developers understand what they can and can not do.

They are still waiting on word from the City of Brookshire regarding some of the sales tax that the EDC is owed.

The floor of the amphitheater has been poured. He had an onsite visit with Kraftsman today and their anticipation is by the end of next week the dance floor be completed, the ramps and the steps are fully formed and poured. So, that portion should be usable. They are on pace for the end of this month for delivery of the canopy itself. The goal being by the end of June being fully functional for functions.

On the park's equipment, they're saying any day now they're going to site prep for the fitness equipment and the amenities. The actual playground equipment is scheduled for mid-June or early July.

On the park fencing they are still waiting for bids.

They have bids for the old doctor's office that they could discuss; but they are waiting on their friends with Bleyl for the drainage project that deals with the bottom floor.

Benches and trash cans have been installed however the first set of benches were damaged. They've asked for us to hold them for 30 days for inspection, then we can dispose of them as we choose. We will get with a local vendor to see if there is a way to fix the issues then maybe they can be relocated to some other area in the down town area.

Mr. Hill then spoke on a new series that will be made called Brookshire Business Boost, where they're highlighting a new business each week. As a way to introduce them to the local citizens. He has asked Ms. Dunn if she would participate in the series and she's agreed. He added if any of them would like to be involved to reach out to him after the meeting. This will be good for the citizens to see the actual businesses and to see what's going on in the city.

Next week is Economic Development Week, it runs from May 8th – May 12th. They will be issuing a proclamation on that and he then proceeded to read it.

Agenda Item #11 Executive Session

The Brookshire Economic Development Corporation will meet in a closed session pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code for the purpose of: Economic Development Discussions under Section 551.087; Consultation with legal counsel under Section 551.071; Deliberations on real property under Section 551.072; and, Deliberations on personnel under Section 551.074.

Executive Session opened at 6:06 p.m.

Executive Session closed at 6:38 p.m.

Agenda Item #12 Discussion & Possible Action on Executive Session items

N/A

Agenda Item # 13 Adjournment.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Director, Amanda Neuendorf / Secretary-Treasurer, Mariela Aguilar

All For
Motion Carried

(6:39 p.m.)

It is possible that a quorum of the Brookshire City Council may be present at the meeting and participate in the discussion of the items on the agenda. No official action of the Brookshire City Council will be taken at this meeting.


Secretary/Treasurer, Mariela Aguilar


President / Jeremiah Hill

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