

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF TEAGUE, INC.
WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

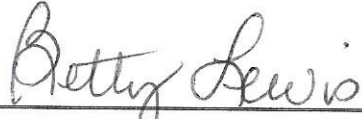
1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor James Monks and a Quorum was announced all Aldermen were present and seated at their respective places. All Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Teague were present and a Quorum was announced.

2. **WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION:**

- Introduction of Betty Lewis as the new EDC Executive Director by EDC.
- EDC asked the City Council what exactly they would like us to help with after the completion of the Park Pavilion. Mayor Monks replied that the Parks and Wildlife proposal plan has discussed adding small pavilions that are family size and they would have tables and grills in each of the areas. They would also like to install solar lights, a bike trail and more handicap equipment in the park.
- City Council discussed that the airport is in need of a new fuel system; which are all above ground tanks. The cost of a new fuel system is approximately \$35K-\$40K. The city currently has 8 hangers, one hanger privately owned, that are rented for \$80-\$200 monthly with a waiting list. If the fuel system is replaced, the City can advertise the fuel on NOAM and sell which you increase the tax revenue for the City.
- EDC asked about the water project on FM 533/US84. City Council explained where the lines ended and gave a rough cost of \$300,000 to complete the line.
- EDC mentioned the plans for Old City Hall is to sell and would like to do so with deed restrictions in hopes that someone would buy and preserve the building since the EDC paid to have all the asbestos removed.
- EDC brought up building permits for discussion. No one working at City Hall knows the process to get permits and it is discouraging to prospects wanting to build inside the city limits. Questions have been raised as to why new prospects would want to build in Teague with the complications of the current permitting system when it is much easier to build in Mexia or Fairfield due to their easier process. Due to the restrictions on using a certain company, which the city of Teague has outsourced the process to, has cost the EDC extra money. The City Council explained that our complications are due to being a commercial building but also mentioned that local contractors seem to be the only ones having trouble with the permits.
- EDC asked the City Council if they would be willing to do a tax abatement in order to bring in a big industrial business. The City Council said they would be open to assisting.
- It was discussed that the City of Teague needed to be cleaned up, especially the abandoned property, which is very difficult without having permission from the

property owner. There are times when heirs are involved and with no known location.

3. **ADJOURN.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Lewis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Betty Lewis, Executive Director
Economic Development Corporation