

MONTGOMERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5 , 2017

Present were: Kirk Jones, Amy Brown, Bill Hanover, Cheryl Fox, Randy Moravec and John Champagne. Bob Kerr was absent. Also present were, Shannan Reid, Katherine Ferry and Jack Yates

Call to Order - President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Open Public Comment – There was no public comment

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2017 – Motion by Moravec seconded by Hanover to table until next meeting with two changes to be made to the minutes. All in favor

Monthly Financial Report (October 2017) – Motion by Moravec seconded Hanover to approve the report as presented. All in favor

Consideration and possible action regarding sign funding request -Amanda Hall for 312 John A. Butler Street – Mr. champagne reported that he had spoken with Amanda Hall and Amanda Hall had requested this item to be removed from the agenda.

Consideration and possible action regarding Montgomery Soccer Club request for funding of irrigation system for soccer fields –Jack Yates reported that the application submitted was for \$15,607 including water tap for \$4,350, pipe and installation cost of \$2,012.23, irrigation equipment for \$8,017.24 and storage shed for \$1,209.09 totaling \$15,588.56. He said that he did not know the difference between the requested amount and the total of the individual items. Jack went on to say that the purpose of this equipment is to improve and maintain the leased fields for the safety and durability of the fields and to hold tournaments and to get more use of the fields. Tom Ward, President of the soccer club was present, and said that with the Saturday morning games and practice during the week will bring hundreds of people into the city on those days and a tournament could easily bring 1,000 or more visitors into the city on a particular day.

Mr. Jones asked about the durability of the irrigation equipment to which Mr. Ward replied saying that they will maintain the equipment well and that it is solidly built equipment and that the MEDC expenses would not include any future maintenance costs.

Phillip LeFevre was present, and said that an expansion of Montgomery business due to the soccer club activities would occur.

Mrs. Fox asked about the soccer season time and Mr. Ward response was that the prime season was fall and spring with a brief winter break and mid-summer break. Mr. Moravec said that he supported the project but that he would like to remain with the \$5,000 limit of MEDC grants for such projects. Mr. Jones replied that the \$5,000 grant limit was for downtown façade projects. Mr. Moravec said that he did not disagree with the reasoning for the request but that he disagreed with the amount.

Motion by Champagne seconded by Brown to approve \$6,900 for the tap, pipe installation and \$3,000 toward the irrigation equipment for a total of \$9,900 grant with right of ownership of the irrigation equipment prior to its removal from the city limits. Voting yes were; Jones, Fox, Champaign, Hanover, Brown. Voting no was Moravec.

Consideration and possible action regarding MEDC Meeting Schedule for December 2017. – Jack Yates reported that there is not usually a December meeting for the MEDC Board unless an emergency arose. Motion by Jones, seconded by Fox to cancel the December MEDC meeting. All in favor.

Consideration and possible action regarding funding: Jack Yates reported that the Board had previously told him that they wanted to hear a financial report before approving the individual contributions to various events that are in the budget.

- a. Christmas in Montgomery - Motion by Moravec seconded by Hanover to approve the Christmas in Montgomery amount as budgeted. All in favor
- b. Wine and Music Festival – Ms. Brown asked for the expenses listings for the Wine and Music Festival. There was no action regarding funding of the Wine and Music Festival.

Consideration and possible action regarding authorization to proceed with preparation of construction plans and technical specifications for the FM 149 Pedestrian Lighting Plan, to be included in the TxDOT FM 149 Improvements Project –Jack Yates said this was to consider the hiring of the Jones and Carter Engineering firm to perform the pedestrian lighting plan designed in conjunction with the FM 149 paving project. The \$18,000 proposal, he said, is a “not to exceed” amount. A concern he said is doing a final layout of the conduit for the lighting plan and then to have TxDOT change their plans, but he said he would manage it so that does not happen. Motion by Moravec seconded by Fox to recommend to the City Council up to \$18,000 for design of the lighting plan as presented. All in favor.

Economic Development Report – Shannan Reid and Jack Yates ---TxDOT/149, Home Focus Report on Projects, Misc. Updates -- Mrs. Reid gave a brief report regarding the property located at FM 149 and SH 105 that is up for sale . Mrs. Reid gave a brief report regarding the possibility of a hotel being built inside the city and that she was working with three parties regarding such a development. She then said that she was working with Magnolia, Navasota and Montgomery to create a consortium that is planning a meeting on February 1st with Realtors in the area. Jack Yates said he had nothing to report. Katherine Ferry then gave a brief report on projects regarding development and also provided maps showing active development projects and capital projects.

Adjournment – Motion by Moravec, seconded by Hanover to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. All in favor.



Jack Yates, Recording Secretary

