

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OKEMAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 @ 6:15 P.M.

PLACE: OKEMAH CITY HALL, 502 WEST BROADWAY, OKEMAH, OK

PRESENT: Ron Gott, Ronnie Lucas, Brandon Anderson, Wayne Bacon, Mike Ishmael

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Kristy Lesley, City Manager; Relena Haddox, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jack Cadenhead, City Attorney

FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Ron Gott called the meeting to order

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

Clerk Relena Haddox called roll confirming a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: Approve minutes.

- **Proposed by:** Ronnie Lucas
- **Seconded by:** Mike Ishmael
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS.

Motion: Approve purchase orders

- **Proposed by:** Ron Gott
- **Seconded by:** Ronnie Lucas
- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- Susan Doty inquired about the city's plans for land east of town.
 - Doty mentioned hearing rumors about a development contract.
- City Manager Lesley clarified that the property is privately owned by Jeannie MacMahon and the city has no involvement in its sale or development.
 - Lesley stated that the city's only involvement is in the permitting process for potential developments.
- Doty questioned the status of the TIF district and annexation plans.
 - Lesley explained that the TIF district is in place and will fund infrastructure improvements using a portion of sales tax revenue from new businesses.
 - Lesley confirmed that MacMahon's property, including the truck shop and Amos property, has been annexed into the city limits at the owner's request.
- Doty sought clarification on the annexation process for properties near city limits.
 - Lesley explained that annexation is initiated by property owners' requests.

ECONOMIC UPDATE.

- City Manager Lesley provided an economic update:
 - Joe Don's Steakhouse made a payment toward the TIF program.
 - The TIF resolution is nearing completion and will be reviewed by the TIF board on July 12th.
 - Bids for airport hangars are expected to be solicited in mid-July.

- The airport gate is currently being worked on.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENT.

- Lesley expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming projects and highlighted the positive impact of new businesses like the flower shop and firework stands.

COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES FROM BOARD MEMBERS.

- Mayor Gott expressed excitement about the progress of the new hotel project.
- Councilperson Ishmael inquired about the rope at the airport.
- City Manager Lesley confirmed that the rope was installed and looks good.
- Mayor Gott and Lesley commended Creek Nation for their partnership and timely completion of the airport road project.

ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm by Chairman Ron Gott.

Relena Haddox, City Clerk

Ron Gott, Chairman