**MDD BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

**PRESENT**: Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Russ Petty, Joseph Crouch, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Jeff Allen

**LOCATION:** Council Chamber in Sweetwater City Hall (200 E. 4th Street).

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**CALL TO ORDER**: 10:00 AM by Carolyn Lawrence

**PRAYER:** Joseph Crouch

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ACTION ITEMS**:

**MINUTES**: Board to review and consider approving minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the minutes. Gil Cherry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**: Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the accounts payable. Jerod Peek seconded. Russ Petty abstained. The motion carried 4-0.

**FINANCIALS**: Board to review and consider approving the February 2021 financial statements. Russ Petty made the motion to approve the financials. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT:** Board to review and consider approving a Façade Improvement Grant for 2302 E. Broadway. Gil Cherry made the motion to approve the grant in an amount not to exceed $2,250.00. Russ Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**MARKETING DIRECTOR’S REPORT (MIESHA ADAMES):**

* W. Broadway Property- Notice that the MDD Board will be accepting bids will be posted in the Sweetwater Reporter by the end of April 2021.
* Future MDD meetings will be held in the Chamber Board Room at 810 E. Broadway.
* Senior Interviews will be on May 5th, 18th, and 19th for Sweetwater, Roscoe, and Highland.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE (KEN BECKER):**

* A skate park, walking trail, and updates to a basketball court were discussed as park improvements and there were no objections.
* Georgia-Pacific construction update
* Miesha completed the Basic ED Course
* The EDC is assisting a company in locating a store front in Sweetwater.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

* The MDD Executive Director position has been posted. The initial consideration will start on June 14, 2021.

**CLOSED SESSION:**  Jerod Peek made the motion to enter into Executive Session under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, to discuss economic development negotiations. No action will be taken in the Executive Session as it is not permitted by law. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:** A motion was made by Jerod Peek to re-enter into Regular Session with a second from Joseph Crouch. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Russ Petty made the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.