



**CITY OF FARMERSVILLE  
FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MINUTES  
September 17, 2020, 6:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
205 S. Main Street  
Farmersville, TX 75442**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Farmersville EDC met in regular session on September 17th, 2020 at 7:52 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following board members present: Robbie Tedford, Matt Crowder, Jason Lane and Randy Rice. Absent Elise Bobbitt.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS AND VISITORS**

Special guest recognized Ben White City Manager, Daphne Hamlin City Accountant, and Councilman Dwain Mathers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comment

**BUSINESS ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION**

EDC Board reviewed façade grant application from Chris and Heather Grupido. Mr. Crowder stated he feels the EDC Board needs more information before we can approve grant. Mr. Tedford stated the information received was not eligible for the grant. But feels they will meet the façade grant rules. EDC Board will need to examine receipts for eligible expenses. Mr. Lane stated windows and siding would be eligible. Mr. Tedford stated he will make a motion to approve the façade grant application from Chris and Heather Grupido up to maximum of \$25k but review receipts for eligible expenditures. Second by Mr. Rice. All in favor passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON FAÇADE GRANT RE-WRITE**

Mr. Crowder took the two policies and reviewed and compared. The scope limited to businesses in City of Farmersville. Clause could make a decision to approve. Made sure to define to exterior areas. Improved on what the items are to be approved. Changed minimum grant amount to \$5k. Includes startup businesses. Applicants will need to submit

3 estimates. A formal site plan will need to be in the application, write details of what they are doing. Mr. Crowder stated he would like to add that the applicants show up in person in case the board has any questions. In the event we disapprove something we would write in writing of disapproval. Fixed amount if someone does not meet that fiscal year they can reapply the next year.

Mr. Rice stated if the applicant gets turned down the year before can they re-apply the following year. Mr. Rice asked do they need to wait till next year. Mr. Tedford stated if the applicant applies in the spring time and we already exceeded our maximum and we do not have another façade grant available the applicant will have to wait until the beginning of new budget year. Currently the way the façade grant is written the applicant cannot start work until the façade grant is awarded.

One thing in the wording we need to change is to add "equal match". Mr. Tedford stated in the past it was existing businesses not new businesses. With this re write grant we can accept new businesses. Mr. Rice stated he agreed on the point of new businesses. Mr. White stated the downtown is affected by this. But in some of the businesses downtown there are issues surrounding fire sprinklers. Mr. White asked if the board would be interested in accepting fire suppression grant. Some instances we can double occupancy if there is a fire suppression system. Mr. Crowder stated good point. Mr. Lane liked the idea he stated he knows they can be costly my only question is we have looked at this before in the past. Daphne will research if it is legal. Mr. Rice stated EDC could not do retail but commercial/industrial. Daphne will find documents on last discussion regarding fire suppression. Mr. Lane asked Daphne to find correspondence with Allan and place on next agenda. Mr. White stated the important part of the fire suppression is being done to create economic growth. In certain cases we have business that would double if they had fire suppression. Mr. White asked if he could contact the attorney. Mr. Lane stated he has no issue of this. Motion from Mr. Tedford second by Mr. Rice. All in favor

### **CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON ITEMS FOR PAYMENTS**

Mr. Tedford motioned to approve items for payment (Kimley Horn, \$14,160.00, Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000.00) , second by Mr. Crowder , motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST 2020 AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS.**

Mr. Tedford motioned to approve financial statements for August 2020 as presented, second by Mr. Rice, motion passed unanimously

### **CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 23rd, AND AUGUST 27TH, 2020.**

Mr. Rice motioned to approve meeting minutes for July 23rd, second by Mr. Crowder , motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rice motioned to approve meeting minutes with August 27<sup>th</sup>, second by Mr. Crowder , motion passed unanimously. Jason Lane abstained

### **REPORTS**

- Sales Tax remain strong
- Proceeding forward on county road 699.

- Collin College major issue is getting started. Electrical needs to be moved. Texas New Mexico will be there next week. Once electrical out of the way and trees cleared they will start moving utilities. Asking for completion by end of year.

**REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Façade Grant Review

Fire suppression attorney updated

Discuss consulting timing on edc position

Discuss participating or liaison with the school district/partner with the school district/Mr. Tedford stated should be Mr. Lane. Send Mr. French contact info. Receive report on meeting

No City Manager update on next agenda/ Jason think about

Elise on Covid 19 update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Tedford adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.. Second by Mr. Crowder.

ATTEST:



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Randy Rice, Secretary

APPROVE:



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Jason Lane, Chairman