

City of Murchison
Economic Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall
903-469-3710

Murchison EDC meets in regular session on the second Tuesday of each month. Council reserves the right to convene in Executive Session on any item on the agenda under Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Items for this special meeting include:

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Roll Call/Quorum

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Public Recognition (Citizen Comment(s)):

Any Citizen wishing to address the MEDC on an agenda item may do so during their Citizens Comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the MEDC.

Sign in Sheet (five minutes)

Consent Items:

1. Approval of the November, 2023 EDC minutes
2. Approval of November bank/financial statements
3. Approval of payment of bills

Old Business:

1. Discuss/consider ...

New Business:

1. Discuss/Consider Grant from ballfield project.
2. Discuss/Consider appointment of officers.
3. Discuss/Consider electronic sign for south side of fire department.
4. Discuss/Consider altering ballfield project to a playground pavilion, gathering room or community center.

Items of Community Concern:

Citizens Comments (who are signed up to speak):

Adjournment

Murchison Economic Development Committee Meeting

January 10, 2023

City Hall, Murchison Texas

Present for meeting: Alisa Griffis, Wade Carter, Larry Cotter. and Kim Cook.

*note-member Bobette Elliott was not present

Guests: Brad Gray and Connie Haynes.

Griffis called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

A quorum was present. * note - there was no meeting last month due to no quorum

No Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

Consent Items: Financial report was made with a total balance of \$225,510.17: \$78,776.86 from checking and \$146,733.31 money market account. *note- Brought to our attention by Brad Gray - the checking account statement ending 12/31/2022 shows 2 uncleared items in the amount of \$601.00 each. Items were further looked in to by city secretary, Trina Cloud and the two checks were made out to the city of Murchison. Question was brought up by Brad Gray as to why we would be writing a check to ourselves and the answer is that checks are for the payment of grants made to the Murchison Volunteer Fire Department. Consent was made on approval of payment of bills; Carter motioned, and Cotter seconded. Motion carries.

Old Business - discussed/ considered – Consent items were passed.

New Business- Discussed that grant money is available for project of converting ballfield, however, the city of Murchison has not applied as of yet. It was also brought up by Griffis that Parks and Rec Department could be created, and that grant money is available for that also.

Discussed appointing officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary. While the position of President remains open; Larry Cotter spoke for, and was approved for the position of Vice President, and Kimberley Cook spoke for, and was approved for the position of Secretary.

*note- Alisa Griffis and Wade Carter will continue to be EDC members, but not officers.

Discussed electronic signage, 3 1/2 ft x 6 ft. at Volunteer Fire Department. Sign will be used by the Fire Department and the City for things such as notices of elections, boil water notices, city events, school events, etc. *Maximum grant allowance is \$10K, so we are within that.

Ballfield project - Still considering what would be best use of the property. Discussed Ballpark, but drawback is the single playing field, and that might not make tournaments in Murchison desirable. Discussed a community center -with indoor space to host community events such as movies, live music, etc... Also the space would be available to citizens to rent for events such as reunions, showers, etc... Current vision includes a pavilion with kitchen, concession stand and wheelchair accessible restrooms. While outdoor space would consist of shaded playground and possible walking trail. *note- vision is similar to a space that has recently been redone in Anna, TX available for such projects.

See attached info on <https://www.annatexas.gov/1224/Johnson-Park>

*note- Cook will research cost of rentals in neighboring towns, and present potential revenue from such a venue, to be presented at next meeting on Feb 14, following city council meeting that evening.

Motion made for appointment of Bradley Gray to EDC by Wade Carter; motion seconded by Larry Cotter; motion carried.

Next meeting February 14, 2023 at 7:00pm, or directly following city council meeting on same day.

Adjournment at 2:00 pm, motion made by Cotter, and seconded by Cook. Motion was carried.