

MINUTES
GROVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
GROVES CITY HALL
MARCH 25, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rhonda Dugas, Derek Theall, Paul Oliver, Mark McAdams,
Brandon Monk, Letha Knaus, Sidney Badon,
Lamar Ozley

ABSENT:

Pete Konidis

President Dugas called the meeting to order.

Vice President Theall led the Prayer and Pledge

Vice President Theall took roll call

President Dugas welcomed guest and news media

ITEM V:

President called for a motion and a second to approve the minutes
Of the March 25, 2024 Groves Economic Development Corporation.
Take a record vote. A motion was made by Sidney Baden and a
Second was made by Letha Knaus. A vote was taken. All were in
Favor, none opposed.

ITEM VI:

President Dugas called for citizen comments. There were no citizen
Comments.

ITEM VII:

President Dugas presented from the GEDC Board to Mr. Miguel Olivera
And Belen Mexican Bakery two framed Proclamations congratulating
Mr. Olivera and his family on their three-year anniversary of operating
within the City of Groves. The Proclamation was presented in Spanish
and English. Mr. Olivera and his family came to the front to receive
it. Mr. Olivera thanked the Board for doing this for him. President Dugas

read the Proclamation. Miguel Olivera Jr. read the proclamation in Spanish.

ITEM VIII:

New Business. Mr. Carruth said building inspector Don Pedraza received the Plans for the new CarStar in Groves. We are waiting on the plans for Valvoline. It will be located next to Starbucks. President Dugas attended the bilingual BBB and Chamber event and met some owners of businesses and sent out four applications for EDC reimbursement. There is a new beauty Salon opening up on Monroe. Paris Beauty Salon. March 31st Timber Creek will open with their first service. The new gym has put up their purple sign over the door and will be opening soon. There are 16 applications pending and in various stages of completion. President talked with three business owners last week and she asked when the new Chamber magazine will be coming out. Mrs. Knaus said it is in print right now and will be coming out soon.

ITEM IX:

Financial reports were presented. Budget and Sales Tax reports. Mr. Ozley passed out printed copies of the reports. Transfers were made from the EDC account in March for the Fire Station Debt and the transfer to the general fund of \$579,850 and \$225,000. Three grants that were approved were paid out. Mr. Ozley said we had a very good month on sales tax another record month with \$213,596. It was \$53,000 ahead of last year. We are on course for an end of the year of \$3 million dollars. There were no questions or further discussion.

ITEM X:

Deliberate and act on GEDC reimbursement for Smoke Corner located at 4101 Main Avenue. President Dugas called for a motion and a second. The total reimbursement is for \$2,789.00. Letha Knaus made a motion Mr. Oliver made the second.

ITEM XI:

President Dugas called for member comments. President Dugas commented she went to the Easter Egg hunt and the Chamber BBB first bilingual meeting. There were no other comments.

ITEM XII:

Meeting adjourned at 6:28.

