

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018
4:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 4:00 PM with Chairman, Ron Lay presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, David Adzigian and Mike Lewandowski. Member Keith Martin was absent. Also present was General Manager, Bill Keefer; Assistant General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Executive Director of the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, Donnie Crain addressed the Board to report that the Chamber is currently re-constructing & updating their web-site, and that a new feature will include an Economic Business section for individuals / business owners looking at relocating to Grove.

Crain also reported on a recent Shop Grove – Spring Open House campaign that was held March 9-10, 2018 that allowed people to explore many unique shops and boutiques, enjoy wonderful meals in the downtown area and surrounding area of Grove. Crain then invited the Board to the ‘Grove Merchants Spring Fling’ event scheduled for March 30-31, 2018.

Crain then reported on the following ribbon cutting events for new businesses to Grove:

1. Hott Box Café located at the old Catfish Johns location on Highway 59 North, and
2. Five Alarm Athletics located across from Lungren’s Chevrolet on Highway 59 East

Crain mentioned of two other new future businesses opening in Grove.

Devitt made the motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Lewandowski. AYE: Devitt, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Adzigian abstained. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the purchase order register. Seconded by Lewandowski. AYE: Devitt, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the GEDA General Fund Budget. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to city owned property in Industrial Park. Keefer reported that the City recently has an inquiry from a realtor in regards to approximately two (2) acres at the industrial park for a business consisting of 8-10 employees. Keefer noted that the Staff was unsure of the price per acre as it was never discussed in any detail nor established by the Board. Keefer pointed out that according to the study conducted by Rose & McCrary a few years ago, there is only 12-14 acres of land that is actually located outside the floodway that may be utilized without the City going in and stabilizing the remaining sections with high quality compaction fill. Lay reported that ideally the Board would like to recover their cost of the land but didn’t think that was

going to happen. Devitt reported that he could supply the Board with some comparison listing(s) for review by the next regular meeting. No action was taken.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:

Keefer reported and updated the Board on the following:

1. Sales Tax Collection report in the packets for review which indicates a steady growth in the sales taxes over the past five (5) years.
2. City Council will be conducting a special “Goal Setting” meeting on Saturday, March 24th which would involve the Chairman of the Airport, GEDA and GMSA Board.
3. Visiting with Donnie Crain of the Chamber of Commerce regarding working together in the future on some services for Economic Development issues and concerns.
4. Rough draft of the 2018/2019 proposed budget.
5. Grant performance from Bottoroff on the Highway 10 improvement for a one mile section starting along Ford Road.
6. Improvements made from the ODOT “Truck Route’ signage.
7. Replacement of LED lights along the downtown area.
8. Placement of the lighted Palm trees that was acquired from the old Grand Outdoors facility along Highway 59 when they closed due to the highway expansion from ODOT.
9. No GLOC boat races this year in Grove but the Bassmaster Elite, FLW Fishing Tournament(s), and the Thunder on Wolf Creek will continue as scheduled.
10. Special City of Grove election pertaining to the 4/10th Sales Tax extension.

TRUSTEES REPORT:

Adzigian reported that he has heard several complaints from handicap residents regarding issues on parking assessments in and round the downtown areas.

Lewandowski asked if the Chamber of Commerce would take part in the City of Grove ‘Goal Setting’ meeting scheduled for this Saturday. Keefer mentioned that the meeting is opened the public and that he is welcomed to attend.

Lay reported that he has been approached to join a coalition on allowing the sale of alcohol on Sunday’s.

At 4:51 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.