

**GROVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021
4:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove Economic Development Authority met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4:00 PM with Chairman, Ron Lay presiding. Members present were Ivan Devitt, Keith Martin, David Adzigian and Mike Lewandowski. Also present was General Manager, Bill Keefer, Assistant General Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

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

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

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to the proposed 2021-2022 budget for the Grove Economic Development Authority. Keefer reported that the proposed budget includes funding for the various debt payments for

- ✓ Swimming pool (last payment 02-01-2025)
- ✓ Harbor Point TIF District
- ✓ Downtown Sales Tax Incentive Program - \$30,000
- ✓ Economic Development Services Agreement with the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce - \$30,000
- ✓ Funds for general economic development projects or programs - \$184,000
- ✓ AARC - Seal of Approval Community - \$6,000

Keefer reported that total budget for Revenues / Expenditures each equal to be \$447,000, 00. Keefer entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Board.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution approving the 2021-2022 GEDA Budget upon recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. AYE: None. Motion carried.

Lay opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Sales Tax Incentive application and agreement with Krista Simpson dba Forage in Downtown Grove. Bottoroff reported that per the policy, the Forage is a "New Business" and is eligible to receive the sales tax incentive calculated at 50% of the 'Net Tax' collection for taxes paid by the business. Bottoroff noted that she respectfully requested that the property owner be present to entertain any questions from the Board. Property owner, Krista Simpson was not present. Devitt made the motion to approve the Sales Tax Incentive application and agreement with Krista Simpson, dba Forage. Seconded by Adzigian. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:

Keefer updated that the Board on the Air-Evac project by reporting that their proposed contract and relocation (lease agreement) will probably be placed upon the next GEDA agenda tentatively scheduled for June 2021 for consideration. Keefer added that they are still undergoing negotiations with Attorney Cook.

Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Director, Donnie Crain addressed the Board to report on the following:

- ✓ Actively working with the prospective new distribution center prospect interested in existing building in Grove that would eventually product up to 30 jobs.
- ✓ Continuing partnership with regional chambers of commerce to work on Wordforce Development issues.
- ✓ Ongoing efforts with Retail Attractions. LLC to get attentions of prospective new retailers to Grove.
- ✓ Working in conjunction with downtown building owners and business owners to 'Light Up' downtown district that will be presented to the Grove City Council @ their 05-18-21 meeting.
- ✓ Reported on the upcoming Grove Block Party schedule for the downtown Grove area.

At 4:43 PM Adzigian made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Devitt, Martin, Adzigian, Lewandowski and Lay. NAY: None. Motion carried.