**Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation**

**Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**

**228 East Marshall**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

**A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRESENT. NO ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.**

1. **Call to order - Recognition of guest(s)**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Chris Dorak. Present were Board members Dorak, Wayne Womack, Robert Jaska, Brenda Mcdonald and Collin Flynn and Executive Director Rodney Williams.**

**Absent were David Griffin and Alesha Crowell.**

**Guest present was David Sileven.**

1. **Discuss/Action: Approval of minutes from previous meeting: January 9, 2020 regularly scheduled meeting**

**Wayne Womack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Brenda Mcdonald. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

**3. Discuss/Action: Dorothy Fielder Park beautification project in conjunction with Public Works**

 **Rodney Williams presented a request to the Board from Justin Johnson, interim public works director for the City of Van Alstyne. Johnson requested funding to put mulch, flowers and stone bases around trees at Dorothy Fielder Park. Brenda Mcdonald made a motion to approve funding for the project up to $750.00. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.**

**4. Discuss/Action: Treasurer’s report**

 **Robert Jaska made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented with a second from Wayne Womack. The motion passed 5-0.**

**5. Discuss/Action: Director’s report**

 **Rodney Williams presented his director’s report for the month of January.**

**6. Discuss/Action: 2020 funding for Railcar Farmers Market**

**Rodney Williams asked the Board whether it wanted to continue to support the Railcar Farmers Market for a third consecutive season. Support includes covering the cost of permitting for the season as well as port-a-john costs. Robert Jaska made a motion to approve funding up to $1,500 to include permitting and port-a-john costs. Brenda Mcdonald seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.**

**Discussion was also had regarding a pre-request by the City to fund the installation of gravel in the market area so that it can continue to operate even when the ground is wet. The Board was amenable to funding the project, though no vote was taken, and instructed Rodney Williams to speak with interim Public Works Director Justin Johnson about also laying down a caliche base or using crushed granite for longevity.**

**7. Discuss/Action: Billboard advertising for True Value Hardware**

 **The Board discussed using its northern billboard to tout the opening of Van Alstyne True Value Hardware in the coming months. The Board also discussed advertising the opening of the Railcar Farmers Market in April.**

**8. Discuss/Action: Presentation for All Boards Meeting**

 **Rodney Williams led a Board discussion about the all-boards meeting on Tuesday, February 18. Topics for discussion and time of meeting were discussed.**

**9. Recess into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code for deliberation regarding:**

1. **Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations. This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting: (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).**
2. **Reconvene into open session**

**10. Discuss/Action: Take any action as a result of closed session**

 **No action was taken.**

**11. Closing comments**

 **There were no closing comments.**

**12. Adjourn**

 **The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Rodney Williams**