**Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation**

**Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**

**228 E. Marshall St.**

**Thursday, June 10, 2021 6:00 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. VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST BE RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD AND LIMIT COMMENTS TO 2 MINUTES.**

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

**The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Present were board members Robert Jaska, Mark Moss, Brad Clough, Dee Greve, Sherry Jeffcoat, Alesha Crowell and David Sileven and Executive Director Rodney Williams.**

**There were no guests present.**

**2. Invocation**

 **David Sileven gave the invocation.**

**3. Discuss/Action: Approval of minutes from previous meetings May 13, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting.**

 **Sherry Jeffcoat made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alesha Crowell seconded the motion and it passed, 7-0.**

**4. Discuss/Action: Community grant request for Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce for Music in the Park**

 **Rodney Williams presented the Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce’s request for funding for its Music in the Park seasonal concert series. Williams discussed the funding options and restrictions to the Board. Alesha Crowell made a motion to approve the funding for seven events up to $500 per event to be paid after each event upon receipt of an invoice from the Chamber. Brad Clough seconded the motion and it passed, 7-0.**

**5. Discuss/Action: Community grant request for Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce for July Fourth celebration.**

 **Rodney Williams presented the Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce’s request for funding for its July Fourth celebration event. Williams explained to the Board that it is not legal to fund any events as sponsorship but community attractions could be done under advertising/marketing. The request was for $2,000 to fund the performers and the portable toilets. Sherry Jeffcoat made a motion to approve the request up to $2,000 to fund the Chamber’s July Fourth celebration event. Dee Greve seconded the motion and it passed, 7-0.**

**6. Discuss/Action: Rock’s Heart of Restoration funding**

 **Rodney Williams presented the last round of funding as requested by Rock’s Heart of Restoration for painting as separate from repairs to the structure. Williams also informed the Board that the owners stated that there were cost overruns and that they would like the Board to consider funding those as well even though the project was completed. The Board denied that request. The total cost of the painting project (after $200 was removed from the total as it was for interior repairs) was $7,705, 50% of which would be the amount funded - $3,852.50.**

 **Sherry Jeffcoat made a motion to fund $3,852.50. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and it passed, 7-0.**

**7. Discuss/Action: Business owner survey**

 **David Sileven asked members of the survey committee to present their list of topics so that the Board could go over them. Sherry Jeffcoat went through each question with input from the Board. After discussion of the items, Jeffcoat said she would revise the document and submit it to Rodney Williams so that staff could distribute to local retail business owners. It was decided that there would be a 1-week run period for the survey.**

**8. Discuss/Action: Billboard signage**

 **The Board decided to wait until survey results come back before proceeding on with acquiring a new billboard.**

**9. Discuss/Action: Treasurer’s Report**

 **Alesha Crowell made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Sherry Jeffcoat seconded the motion and it passed, 7-0.**

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

 **Rodney Williams presented his report of activities over the past month.**

**11. 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. **Section 551.074 – to deliberate or discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;**
3. **Reconvene into open session**

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

**David Sileven made a motion to accept the performance review of Executive Administrator Tiffany Chartier as presented by Executive Director Rodney Williams. A decision on a merit increase will be tabled until the July meeting. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and it passed, 7-0.**

**13. Closing comments**

**Sherry Jeffcoat asked about moving the July meeting. After some discussion it was decided to leave the July meeting date as Thursday, July 8.**

**14. Adjourn**

**Brad Clough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and it was approved, 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Rodney Williams.**