**Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation**

**Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**

**228 E. Marshall St.**

**Thursday, August 19, 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 6:03 p.m. Present were board members Alesha Crowell, Robert Jaska, Dee Greve, Brad Clough and Sherry Jeffcoat and Executive Director Rodney Williams. Absent were David Sileven and Mark Moss.**

**There were no guests present.**

**2. Invocation**

 **Robert Jaska gave the invocation.**

**3. Discuss/Action:** **Approval of minutes from previous regularly scheduled meeting held on July 8, 2021**

 **Robert Jaska made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brad Clough seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0.**

**4. Discuss/Action: Community Grant request from the Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce for Fall der All event**

 **Rodney Williams informed the Board that after discussions with Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Maria Hickson-Grimmett he was informed that Fall der All might be cancelled. Williams requested the item be pulled from further discussion until he received an update from the Chamber of Commerce. The item was tabled.**

**5. Discuss/Action: Review of board member applications**

 **Rodney Williams presented the applicant package as present by the City. There are four applicants applying for three positions – incumbents Robert Jaska, Brad Clough and Sherry Jeffcoat and a new applicant, John (Chris) Mattison.**

 **Dee Greve made a motion to rank the applicants in order: Brad Clough, Robert Jaska, Sherry Jeffcoat and John Mattison. Alesha Crowell seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0.**

 **Crowell added that she wished we had another seat available as Mr. Mattison appeared to be a very good candidate for the Board.**

**6. Discuss/Action: Revised corporation bylaws**

 **Rodney Williams informed the Board that the revised bylaws had been approved by the City Council at its August meeting and that he just needed each Board member’s signature on the document following the meeting.**

**7. Discuss/Action: TEDC sales tax workshop**

 **Rodney Williams presented the two options for attending the sales tax workshop to Board members – in-person or through a virtual session. Sherry Jeffcoat, Alesha Crowell and Dee Greve stated that they would like to attend in-person. Williams will check with David Sileven and Mark Moss and then get members registered for the Sept. 17 workshop.**

**8. Discuss/Action: Emergency Relief Grant funding**

 **Rodney Williams presented the proposed and revised Emergency Relief Grant funding application. Further discussion was had on the role an insurance policy would play in the applicant’s grant request. Brad Clough stated that each application would be different and should be viewed on a case-by-case nature. Dee Greve asked that an insurance declaration page item be added to the attachments page as a check-off box. Williams told the Board that each grant would be viewed separately and the Board had the right to approve or deny funding as such.**

 **Sherry Jeffcoat made a motion to approve the Emergency Grant Relief package with a second from Robert Jaska. The motion passed, 5-0.**

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

 **Robert Jaska made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report reconciliation. Sherry Jeffcoat seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0.**

**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. **Reconvene into open session**

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

 **There was no closed session held.**

**13. Closing comments**

 **There were no closing comments.**

**14. Adjourn**

**Brad Clough made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Sherry Jeffcoat and approved, 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted by Rodney Williams**