

STATE OF TEXAS X
COUNTY OF SWISHER X
CITY OF TULIA X

ON the 28th day of February 2014, the Economic Development Commission for the City of Tulia met in the City Council Chambers at 12:00 p.m.

Present were:	Pat George	President
	Amy McAtee	Vice President
	Andrew Freeman	Executive Director
	Ross James	Director
	Josh Moore	Director

Also present was:	Kristina Solomon	City Secretary
	Danny Barrett	Texas Communities Group
	Cindy McDowell	Swisher County Appraisal District

Absent was:	Boyd Vaughn	Director
	Don Adams	Director
	Marcus Scarborough	Director

ITEM I: CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pat George called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

ITEM II: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments at this time.

ITEM III: CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2014 MEETING

Andrew stated the time on the minutes needed to be corrected to read 12:00 p.m. instead of a.m. Ross James made the motion to accept the minutes as presented with the correction. Amy McAtee seconded the motion and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

ITEM IV: DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS COMMUNITIES GROUP, LLC

Danny Barrett presented a contract to the EDC regarding the services Texas Communities

Group can offer the city. Danny was present at the last EDC meeting to explain what his pilot program was about. At that time he was asked to return with a contract detailing his services and fees. Because it is a pilot program and Tulia is the only city participating at this time, Danny came up with an amount of a minimum of \$1,000 for the 2 year contract with a cap of \$5000. The amount paid will be based on the time spent and how well the program works. He also explained that he has already been working with Cindy from the appraisal office to get a list of trust properties. He plans on developing a website that will be linked to the city website where citizens can go and see a list of properties that are foreclosures, trust, abandoned, or city owned.

Pat was absent at the last meeting so he asked Danny to give another brief explanation about his program. Cindy McDowell also stated she believes the program could be very valuable to cleaning up the city and she is in support of the program. Amy states they have made some changes to the contract and would like to vote to allow Andrew to work out the details and accept the contract.

Joshua Moore made a motion to allow Andrew to work out the details and enter into a contract with Danny Barrett, Texas Communities Group, LLC. Ross James seconded the motion and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

ITEM V: DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PEGGY'S FIRE PIT (122 N. MAXWELL) REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Andrew asks the EDC if they would like for him to participate in the bidding on behalf of the EDC. The minimum bid is \$25,000. The goal is to purchase a good building for a potential business and not allow it to be used for storage.

Joshua Moore states he will not participate in the discussion or vote because he and his wife are considering bidding on the building as well.

Pat George agrees it would be a great building to have if the bidding is low enough. However, he does not want to bid against someone who has plans of opening a business there soon.

Amy McAtee makes a motion to authorize Andrew to bid on Peggy's Fire Pit on behalf of the EDC for an amount up to \$50,000 plus any closing costs. A second was made by Ross James and passed with a 3-0 vote, Joshua Moore abstained.

ITEM VI: COMMENTS FROM EDC BOARD MEMBERS/DIRECTOR

- ANNOUNCEMENTS- Pat mentions Iberdrola lowered the amount to the land owners by \$1 an acre. They have plans on beginning in 2015 and hope to be done late 2016 or early 2017. They plan on installing around 156 wind turbines.
Chamisa still planning on moving forward. Plans to start in June and be done by 2017
- DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING- APRIL 7, 2014 12:00 p.m.

ITEM VII: ADJOURN

Pat George adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Pat George, President

ATTEST:

Kristina Solomon, City Secretary