

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2024

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Rob Rice, Councilman Bill Farnham

City Staff: Miriam Jones, Doug Potts, Jen Worth, John Doyle

Media: Darrell Maurina

Guest: Steve Lynch

Absent: Councilman Cecil Davis

- **Call to Order-** Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- **Citizen Comments-** No comments.
- **Approval of minutes-** Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 6, 2023. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Business Spotlight- January** Business Spotlight- Comic Hoarderz
- **Wall That Heals Update/Contract/Special Resolutions/Presentations-** - Doug Potts stated that the deadline for the contract to be signed and returned is the 15th of January. The Committee has already started a list of cities, counties, and states to invite and participate while the wall is here.
- **SBRD Application- Next Home Team Ellis-** Doug Potts stated that there is still \$5000 left of ARPA funds and Next Home Team Ellis applied for it for the remodel of the old Nona's, which is now Sister's Squared Café. Councilman Farnham made a motion to take to council. Councilman Rice seconded this motion. Motion passed.
- **Drachenfutter Thank You Letter-** Drachenfutter sent a letter to express their gratitude for all the support and help the City has given them.
- **Special Events**
 - Government Contracting Luncheon- March 27
 - Best Sapper Competition- April 19th
 - Junior Entrepreneur Seminar- April 30th
 - The Wall That Heals- May 16-19
- **Other Business-** Councilman Farnham asked what we could do about the hours changing at the back gates. He stated that this is where we needed to contact our congressman. Mayor Wilson stated that this is just a 90 day trial. Having no further business, I, Jen Worth, left the meeting as there was a need for legal in closed session. Doug Potts was then responsible for closed session minutes.

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Farnham made a motion to enter into closed session. Chairman Rice seconded that motion. Committee entered closed session at 5:28 p.m. Committee returned to open session at 6:58 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on February 5, 2024, at 5 p.m.