

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2023

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Rob Rice, Councilman Bill Farnham

City Staff: Miriam Jones, Doug Potts

Media: Darrell Maurina

Absent: Councilman Cecil Davis

- **Call to Order-** Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
- **Citizen Comments-** No comments.
- **Approval of minutes-** Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, 2023. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Business Spotlight-** September Business Spotlight- BLISS Salon
- **Small Business Renovation/Demolition Grant Program-** Doug Potts stated he thought the funds were depleted but turns out there is still \$5,000 of funding left. Application from BLISS was turned in on time; requesting funds for a new sign for business. Mr. Potts recommends approving the application for \$5,000. Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the application and send to City Council. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passes.
- **ARPA SBEP/SBRD Success Stories-** Doug Potts provided two testimonials from Home Grown Kitchen and Piney River Taproom.
- **Special Events**
 - Back to School Extravaganza at WHS parking lot- August 19th- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Patriot Day Festival- September 9th- 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - A Community of Heroes- September 11th- 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - Hogs and Frogs- September 22-24, 2023
 - Pumpkinfest- October 28, 2023
- **Other Business-** Proposed new City Council agenda provided. The change would focus on item numbers 4 to 8; addressing specific issues instead of reading 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 5:19 p.m. Committee returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on October 2, 2023, at 5 p.m.