

Bronte Economic Development Corporation – 4B
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4B was called to order at 6:04 pm in the Bronte City Hall Council Chambers, 114 S Washington, Bronte, TX. Present: Linda Scott, Brenda Hines, Deborah Bailey, Gwen Dyess, Cyndi Carlton, and Teresa Ballard. Absent Katie Meeks and Stacy Kelton. Guests Ricky Royal, Shane Bearden, Ben Barless, Henry Chisholm, and Bralyn Barker.

President Linda Scott called meeting to order at 6:04 pm and established a quorum, after pledges to the American and Texas flags, Gwen Dyess led the prayer. There was no public comment.

#1 Ben Barless. dba Rooms4Rent is looking at the old hospital in Bronte for renovation into apartments. He wanted to introduce himself should he decide to invest in Bronte.

#2 The Board discussed with Jessica Osten, dba Mike's Tire, types of Loan Forgiveness Grants for which their business could be eligible.

#3 Consider Loan Forgiveness Grant application from Bralyn Barker, dba B Quartet Properties. The Board went into executive session at 6:25 pm and returned to regular session at 6:39 pm. Application was not approved.

#4 Consider Loan Forgiveness Grant application from Shane and Jennifer Bearden, dba Bearden Automotive Repair, LLC. The board went into executive session at 6:51 pm, returned to the regular meeting at 6:52 pm. Deborah Bailey moved to approve the application for \$5205.46, Brenda Hines seconded. All approved. The public hearing will be on Friday, June 14, at 8:15 am.

#5 Consider Loan Forgiveness Grant application from Shane and Jennifer Bearden, dba Bearden Automotive Repair, LLC, for one part time employee. Gwen Dyess moved to approve for \$1500.00, Cyndi Carlton seconded. All approved. The public hearing will be Friday, June 14, 8:15 am.

#6 Consider approval of May 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Brenda Hines moved to approve with corrections, Cyndi Carlton seconded. All in favor. Consider approval of Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes for May17, 2024. Brenda Hines moved to approve; Cyndi Carlton seconded. All in favor.

#7 Financials tabled until July meeting.

#8 Ongoing training opportunities.

- A) TEDC Sales Tax Workshop, December 2 and 13, virtual.
- B) San Angelo COC, West Texas Legislative Summit, July 29-30, 2024.
Cyndi Carlton and Deborah Bailey plan to attend.
- C) TEDC on-site training. Teresa Ballard has been in touch with trainer Carlton Schwab, and they are working on a date. He will charge \$1500.00 plus expenses.

#9 Discussion of changes to Loan Forgiveness Grant and Performance Agreement.
Tabled until July.

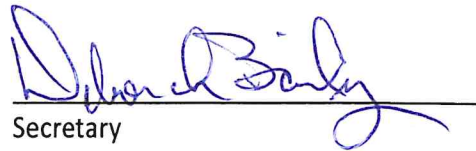
Open discussion. Henry Chisholm reported the pedestrian crossing at the park has been completed. Restoring Bronte Foundation will be replacing kitchen appliances at the Bronte Community Center. The county will be replacing the flooring. The county will be replacing the siding at the Senior Center. ESD petitions moving forward and ESD will be on the ballot in November.

The next meeting will be July 8, 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.



President



Secretary