

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FEBRUARY 18, 2008
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chairman Mike Thomas.

2. Roll Call:

Chairman Michael Thomas, Vice Chair Pete Porciello, Corporation Members Rachel Olson, Dan Frank, Dean Atkins, and Council Representative Traci Smith. Absent: Adam Lesperance and Mary Sapienza.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, EDC Attorney John Gormley, and Farmers' Market Manager Kris Schlicker.

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Frank**, to excuse Sapienza. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

3. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add item 10b. 109 E. Grand River Avenue.

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. EDC Regular Minutes of January 21, 2008:

On page 2, item 9b. 2 lines down, change "4" to "15, 2008" and on page 3, 3 lines down change "has asked" to "will compile" and "for" to "within the next" and under item 13. change "???" with" to "alienate".

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Smith**, to approve the EDC regular minutes of January 21, 2008 as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

6. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the supplemental bill from Attorney Gormley in the amount of \$52.50 as presented. Yes: Porciello, Olson, Thomas, Atkins, Frank, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Staff Reports

7a. City Treasurer's Report:

A financial printout for January was submitted for EDC review.

7b. Community Development Director:

A written report was submitted by Director Aniol.

9. Action Items

9a. Purchase Contract Amendment:

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Atkins**, to approve the resolution extending the purchase agreement date for 218 Elevator Street to June 15, 2008 as presented. Yes: Smith, Thomas, Porciello, Atkins, Frank, Olson. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Farmers' Market:

Director Aniol commented that she has talked with the City Manager regarding the location of the Farmers' Market and it has been suggested that the market be held in the lot where the old library building is because it is going to be demolished.

The EDC's **members** commented that because they do not believe the clearing and repaving of the site will be done in time, they want to put the market behind City Hall.

It was also suggested that the market be held in the west side parking lot of City Hall, but the EDC felt that it would affect the handicap parking located there.

Director Aniol commented that she will be asking the DDA at their next meeting for a contribution to the Farmers' Market fund primarily for advertising. Letters to the vendors will be sent out before the next EDC meeting.

10b. 109 E. Grand River Avenue:

Director Aniol reported that the Buckhaves are going to be unable to purchase the buildings at this time. She added that there may be other options for purchasing the building and renovating it.

11. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

12. Attorney Comments:

None.

13. Corporation Member Comments:

Member Porciello commented that if the TIFA could acquire a little more land they would be able to gain access to the Ice House property.

Chairman Thomas thanked Member Atkins for his assistance with the fund administration issue.

14. Adjournment:

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Atkins**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

***THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____