

# **HUBBARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

*118 North Magnolia Avenue  
Hubbard Texas 76648*

## **Board Members and Officers**

**President:** Eugene Fulton

**Vice President:** Marty Kimbrough

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Bobbie Loud

**Board Members:** *Kenneth Baldwin, Curtis Ellison, Evelyn Hawthorne, Laura Wagstaff*

**Ex-Facto Officers:** *City Manager – Jason Patrick and City Secretary – Diana Hall*

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 23, 2023**

**Hubbard Civic Center, 300 North Magnolia Hubbard Texas**

### **I. Call to Order, Proof of Posting, and Proof of Notification.**

President, Eugene Fulton requested proof of posting, called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present. Marty Kimbrough was present thru teleconference. Evelyn Hawthorne arrived at 6:37 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Melonie Alejo – was present and discussed the history of her company, Bay Bays Brew. Ms. Alejo would like to have her business established in Hubbard and utilize the food park on a monthly basis. Ms. Alejo suggested a \$250 monthly rental fee with the use of electric and water.
- B. Jason Hubbard addressed the board on an item not on the agenda. Mr. Hubbard made a suggestion of using portable toilets and providing use of them at his property, since it is a close proximity to the Food Court. Mr. Fulton suggested a location on city property would be better as to avoid future issues. The board discussed utility connections, responsibility of janitorial services and forming a committee for further review.

### **ii. DISCUSSION**

- A. Board discussed the status of marquee sign. Eugene Fulton stated not a lot has been done on the sign but Sonic is interested, however, still waiting on a return call.
- B. The Swift Media billboard has been removed.
- C. April 8, 2024 Eclipse will be a big event for Hill County. Hillsboro will experience 4 minutes and 23 seconds of the moon completely blocking the sun. This will be the last full solar eclipse until August 23, 2044 that will be viewable from the contiguous United States. All hotels, RV parks, etc have been rented for this date. Hillsboro has been identified as the 7<sup>th</sup> best site to see the eclipse. Board discussed having some events during this time period.

### **III. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Melonie Alejo monthly rental at food park.

Curtis Ellison made the motion to approve a monthly fee of \$250 with the use of electricity and water; seconded by Bobbie Loud. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough did not verbally vote. Motion carried.

President, Eugene Fulton instructed Marty Kimbrough to verbally vote aye or nay.

Curtis Ellison amended his motion to approve a 90-day trial period at \$250 a month with the use of electricity and water; seconded by Bobbie Loud. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Purchasing an electronic marquee sign.

Kenneth Baldwin made the motion to table this item from the agenda, seconded by Bobbie Loud. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Chuggy's Tacos contract.

Eugene Fulton stated Chuggy's Tacos was delinquent on 2 monthly payments; however, the operation of their business was inoperable due to the delay of repairs at the property and recommends closing out the contract and not seek any legal action.

Bobbie Loud made the motion to close out the contract with Chuggy's Tacos; seconded by Evlyn Hawthorne. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Request for funding of advertising to promote the annual Magnolias and Mistletoe Celebration.

Kenneth Baldwin made the motion to approve payment to Hubbard Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$750 for the promotion of the annual Magnolias and Mistletoe Celebration; seconded by Bobbie Loud. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

E. Repairs of rental property at Hwy 171 and 31.

Kenneth Baldwin made the motion to approve repairing the property at Hwy 171 and 31 and accept Clyde Patrick's bid proposal of \$3,825.64 for labor; seconded by Curtis Ellison. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Minutes of September, 2023.

Bobbie Loud made the motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023; seconded by Evlyn Hawthorne. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

G. September 2023 financials.

Bobbie Loud made the motion to approve the September 2023 financials; seconded by Evlyn Hawthorne. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

**IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

Eugene Fulton reported the following monthly activities: Chamber's monthly meeting was held on October 16<sup>th</sup> and food was provided by Hubbard Food Mart; recap on the April 8, 2023 Solar Eclipse event; Magnolias & Mistletoe Christmas Celebration is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>; Chamber continues to furnish Hubbard Happenings to Hillsboro Reporter and KHBR Radio Station; thanks to Leslie Knox and Marty Kimbrough for work on the facebook sites and provided dates of scheduled rentals.

**V. ADJOURN**

Bobbie Loud made the motion to adjourn the regular session; seconded by Kenneth Baldwin. With board members present, the vote was 4 to 0. Marty Kimbrough voted aye. Motion carried.

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Eugene Fulton, President

ATTEST:

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Diana Hall, City Secretary