

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA
March 12th, 2020
10:00 A.M.**

- I. Agenda Changes
- II. Adoption of Minutes
1 February 13th 2020
- III. Integrity Food Group Request
- IV. The Pavilion at Riverwalk Park
- V. FY 2020-2021 Budget
- VI. General Information
- VII. Town Council Agenda
- VIII. Next Meeting: April 9th, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.
- IX. Adjournment

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
March 12th, 2020**

Mr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present included Jack Lawson, Chairman, Gail Nichols and James Pruett.

Also present: Robert Lawrence, Town Council Member; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development, Walt Feurer, Director of Public Works; Jon Morr, Building Inspector and other interested persons.

I Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

February 13th 2020

Mr. Pruett made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. Integrity Food Group Request

Jeff Bateman, owner of Integrity Food Group stated that he would like to do some work to the outside of his building as a Main Street beautification project and asked if there is some kind of assistance from the town with façade painting. The amount of beautification that is done will depend on how much assistance the town can provide. Mr. Bateman also stated that with the 150th anniversary approaching, any improvement would be a benefit to the appearance of town.

Mr. Edwards stated that the Chamber is reviewing a façade mural.

Sam Drewry, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce advised that the Chamber is reviewing what the cost will be for a façade and that the Chamber has not made a decision yet.

Mr. Lawson stated that Wyatt-Ogg used to have a façade on 8th Street and that during a survey with High School Students they said they would like to see facades or murals in town.

Jeff Bateman advised that he would like to get painting done before the 150th Anniversary and he can make some phone calls to find some sample murals. Mr. Bateman also stated that he would like to work on the LOVE program, it would bring people downtown to take pictures.

Mr. Edwards stated that the LOVE program only allows one LOVE façade in town and that the town has been discussing a LOVE logo and its location.

IV. Pavilion at Riverwalk Park

Mr. Edwards presented a revised bid from Norman Contractors showing some changes that would reduce the price to \$600,980. The pavilion would be slightly smaller with a reduced parking lot and no electric. Improvements with the electric and parking lot can be done at a later date. If the Committee would like to move forward, we will prepare the documents for award of contract at the Town Council meeting.

Mr. Lawson asked if the project would still include a doggie park.

Mr. Edwards advised that a doggie park would come later. Mr. Edwards also stated that the Rotary will be providing tables and the scouts will be helping with the walking trails.

The consensus of the Committee is for the award of contract to be placed on the Town Council agenda.

V. FY 2020-21 Budget

Mr. Edwards advised that he still needs to meet with three Council Members to review the budget, the budget presentation is scheduled for the March Town Council meeting. Mr. Edwards stated that Town Council needs to decide how much they want to fund the Titans.

Mr. Lawson suggested the Titans provide a budget and some additional information before Town Council funds the program. The majority of town residents are going out of town for sports programs. Last year the Titans never had a home game.

The consensus of the Committee is for the Titans to provide a budget with a plan for their program.

Mr. Edwards advised that the Historical Society is requesting \$25,000. The request is open ended and it does not say what the town will be getting for the money.

Mr. Lawson stated that the Chamber consider locating their office in the Historical Society building, it would cover the museum hours for the building to be open.

The Committee is in agreement that any group or organization requesting funds needs to let the town know how the funds are being spent and provide a budget with a plan on how the funds will be spent.

VI. General Information

1. 150th Anniversary

Mr. Edwards presented a 150 Year Celebration Proposal by the West Point Innovation Alliance. The proposal was drafted by Garbee Larkin and includes programs that Town

Staff have been working on. Mr. Edwards also stated that the Town has been working with civic groups and organizations on the preparations and suggested that Ms. Larkin be contacted and be asked if there are any specific events that she would like to be involved with.

The consensus of the Committee is that Town Staff contact Ms. Larking and ask her if she has an activity she would like to do during the Anniversary celebrations.

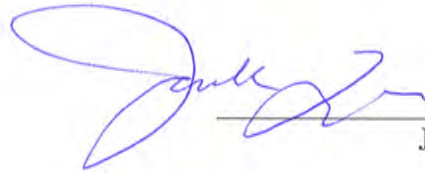
VII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Edwards advised that the award of contract for the Pavilion will be on the Town Council agenda.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: April 9th 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment

IX. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m..



Jack Lawson
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk