

DURANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

November 14, 2016 AT 4:00 P.M.

Durant Industrial Authority Conference Room

I. Call To Order..... Tommy Kramer

Tommy Kramer called the regular monthly Durant Economic Development Council Meeting to order.

II. Opening Invocation Kara Byrd

III. Roll Call..... Laura Voorhies

The following members were present: Curtis Armor, Shaun Banner, Billy Blackburn, Robert Bourne, Ron Boyer, Kara Byrd, Bert Davison, Bob Delveaux, Eddy Dempsey, Scott Dewald, James Dunegan, Mike Goodwin, Tammye Gwin, Bryan Hallmark, Stewart Hoffman, Denny Koenders, Greg Massey, Darrell Mendez, Fran Mickle and Jeff Monroe

The following members were absent: President Sean Burrage, Chris Glendening, Jeff Hammock, Robert Holliday, Ketan Jain, Drew Miller, Kyle McLemore, Cody Perryman, Janet Reed, Rick Roy and Jeff Tarrant

The following guests were present: Dan Pennington-Durant Daily Democrat, Charles Calhoun, Jim Thorpe, Mike Delloro-Vision Bank and Jordan Flake-Gamco

IV. Introduction of the New City Manager - Tim Rundel..... Mayor Stewart Hoffman

Mayor Stewart Hoffman introduced the new City Manager, Tim Rundel and he was welcomed by all that attended.

V. Present City of Durant Monthly Sales Tax Report Mayor Stewart Hoffman

Mayor Stewart Hoffman advised that the sales tax has increased from last month and it is in a steady growth for the year and 15.72% for November.

VI. Consider Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2016 Meeting..... Tommy Kramer

Mike Goodwin motioned to accept with a second by Jeff Monroe. The motion carried by:

- Aye: Curtis Armor, Shaun Banner, Billy Blackburn, Robert Bourne, Ron Boyer, Kara Byrd, Bert Davison, Bob Delveaux, Eddy Dempsey, Scott Dewald, James Dunegan, Mike Goodwin, Tammye Gwin, Bryan Hallmark, Stewart Hoffman, Denny Koenders, Greg Massey, Darrell Mendez, Fran Mickle and Jeff Monroe
- Nay: None

VII. Consideration & Action of the 2017 Economic Development Council Meeting Schedule
..... **Tommy Kramer**

Curtis Armor motioned to accept with a second by Darrell Mendez. The motion carried by:

Aye: Curtis Armor, Shaun Banner, Billy Blackburn, Robert Bourne, Ron Boyer, Kara Byrd, Bert Davison, Bob Delveaux, Eddy Dempsey, Scott Dewald, James Dunegan, Mike Goodwin, Tammye Gwin, Bryan Hallmark, Stewart Hoffman, Denny Koenders, Greg Massey, Darrell Mendez, Fran Mickle and Jeff Monroe

Nay: None

VIII. Update on the Commercial Metals Company Project
..... **Alan Jackson-Director of Operations & Scott Henderson-Project Manager**

Alan Jackson showed a video and described in detail how the rebar is made in a continuous pour.

Scott stated that he is very proud of the new plant being built in Durant. CMC has several marketing regions and Durant will serve the Dallas area as well as reaching further into the north.

As of October 2016, there has been approximately 3.5 million yards of dirt moved, 23,000 yards of concrete placed, 2,020 tons of rebar placed, 707 drilled shafts placed, 3,200 linier feed of duct bank placed and there are 4 of 11 buildings under construction. They are scheduled to have permanent power at the site in March 2017 and a hot plant start in late fall of 2017. They is currently 65-70% of the equipment on site and the contractors working on the project will peak out at approximately 600 people in January 2017.

Some of the challenges they have faced are the heavy rains, soil conditions, the relocation of natural gas lines, the relocation of residential OG&E power lines, utility easements, drilled shafts and the relocation a creek.

Mr. Henderson applauded the efforts of Tommy Kramer and the City of Durant with all of their help and support. He stated that temporary housing has been difficult for the people coming in to work on the project. It was difficult to find places to rent and RV hook ups close to the area.

IX. Present Oklahoma Department of Transportation 8-Year Plan & Projects for Bryan County **Anthony Echelle-Division 2 Engineer Oklahoma Department of Transportation**

Mr. Echelle handed out a map of the 8-Year Transportation Construction Work Plan across the state. (Map can be located online at [https://ok.gov/odot/Programs_and_Projects/8 - Year_Construction_Work_Plan_.html](https://ok.gov/odot/Programs_and_Projects/8-Year_Construction_Work_Plan_.html))

There is \$600M for Division 2 for the 9 Southeast counties in Oklahoma, in which there is approximately 1700 miles of roads and 1800 bridges. We did add the stretch of road on 69/75 through the south end of Calera to the 8-year plan. This will make that stretch of highway safer and it will make the frontage road to one way on each side of the highway. We will add a non-stop Texas U-turn lane to help with the one-way frontage roads and will add some overpasses at Main Street in Calera and at Choctaw Road. This work is scheduled to begin FY2019 and it has to be completed by 2023 and it is in the early stages of engineering at the present time.

The on/off ramps and 4-laning old East Main Street to be located at the Commercial Metals Company property will begin within 30 days.

X. New Business Tommy Kramer

Shaun Banner with Cardinal Glass advised that they finished the 115,000 SF expansion and there is now 530,000 square feet under one roof at the facility. The only thing left to do is add sprinklers and sod and it will be totally complete. There is 70% of the emission system going in and they are getting refractories coming in to start January 5, 2017 with the furnace rebuild, which will last 84 days. This is a \$65,000,000 upgrade to the Durant Cardinal Glass facility.

Tommy Kramer advised that the Red Cross left free smoke detectors with a 10-year battery with him for anyone that would like to fill out the form to receive them.

VIII. Adjournment Tommy Kramer

Greg Massey motioned for adjournment with a second from Darrell Mendez.
Tommy Kramer called the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.