

# DURANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

# MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 13, 2017 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 .....Jeff Hammock**

**III. Roll Call.....Laura Voorhies**

The following members were present: Billy Blackburn, Robert Bourne, Bert Davison, Bob Delveaux, Eddy Dempsey, Scott Dewald, Tammye Gwin, Jeff Hammock, Mayor Stewart Hoffman, Robert Holliday, Denny Koenders, Greg Massey, Darrell Mendez and Martin Tucker.

The following members were absent: Curtis Armor, Shaun Banner, President Sean Burrage, Kara Byrd, Chris Glendening, Mike Goodwin, Bryan Hallmark, Ketan Jain, Kyle McLemore, Fran Mickle, Jeff Monroe, Janet Reed, Rick Roy, Tim Rundel and Jeff Tarrant

The following guests were present: Dan Pennington (Durant Democrat) and Terry Buford (BrucePac)

**IV. Consideration and Action of January 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes.....Tommy Kramer**

Robert Holliday motioned to accept with a second by Stewart Hoffman. The motion carried by:

Aye: Billy Blackburn, Robert Bourne, Bert Davison, Bob Delveaux, Eddy Dempsey, Scott Dewald, Tammye Gwin, Jeff Hammock, Mayor Stewart Hoffman, Robert Holliday, Denny Koenders, Greg Massey, Darrell Mendez and Martin Tucker.

Nay: None

**V. Present City of Durant Monthly Sales Tax Report & City Use Tax .....Tommy Kramer**

Tommy Kramer advised it was a great month and there was a 3.08% sales tax increase year-to-date and 9.07% increase for Feb/March.

**VI. Update of Commercial Metals Company Micro Steel Mill and Two New Building Projects.....**

**..... Kolin Keller**

Kolin Keller advised that Commercial Metals Company (CMC) is very proud to be a part of the Durant community.

The micro steel mill is on schedule to begin production in October 2017 and there are approximately 340 construction workers on site currently, including the CMC management staff. Approximately 90% of the equipment has arrived on site.

CMC has made the decision to add two new projects to the site, the first being a separate automated T-post facility, adding 20-30 additional jobs with an investment of approximately \$20,000,000. CMC is the number one steel T-post producer in the United States. The steel mill will provide the raw materials for this new facility. Currently CMC is working on obtaining air permits from ODEQ.

The second project will be a spooling facility that will be the first of its kind in the United States and add square footage to the original steel mill building. The process has 100% yields and is done on an automatic machine. The spools will weigh up to five tons each.

**VII. Update of the Webstaurant Store Distribution Center Project..... Tommy Kramer**

Tommy Kramer advised the sale of the building closed the second week of January and the renovation has begun to the facility. The first year they will hire 166 employees at approximately \$18.00 per hour with benefits. The investment for this facility will be \$20,000,000 for our community.

The parent company for Webstaurant is Clark Associates, Inc. and they own several businesses, which have grown over the years. This family of companies has approximately 2,000 employees over 20 locations and is currently operating out of eight states (Durant will be the ninth state).

**X. Durant Detailed Analysis of Taxable Sales ..... Dr. Dave Shideler & Robert Bourne**

Dr. Shideler advised that there are 443 retail sales tax holders in Durant as of 2015.

Dr. Shideler reviewed his presentation with the Economic Development Council members. A copy of this presentation may be requested from the Durant Industrial Authority office.

**XI. New Business ..... Tommy Kramer**

Scott Dewald advised that Wes Watkins will be having a book signing on 2/22/17. Flyers are available at the Durant Chamber of Commerce office.

Ron Boyer advised that there is a burn ban in effect and it looks as though there may be a drought this year. Please be cautious and advise your neighbors.

Eddy Dempsey advised that there will be a Town Hall meeting in April. He will advise more when is has the details from Congressman Markwayne Mullins.

**VIII. Adjournment..... Tommy Kramer**

Scott Dewald motioned for adjournment with a second from Darrell Mendez.

Tommy Kramer called the meeting adjourned.