

# DURANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

# MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 10, 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 ..... Tim Rundel**
- III. Introduction of Guests ..... Tommy Kramer**
- IV. Roll Call..... Laura Voorhies**  
The following members were present: Billy Blackburn, Ron Boyer, Kara Byrd, Bert Davison, Bob Delveaux, Stephanie Garner, Chris Glendening, Mayor Stewart Hoffman, Robert Holliday, Kyle McLemore, Fran Mickle, and Janet Reed, Rick Roy, Tim Rundel and Martin Tucker.  
  
The following members were absent: Curtis Armor, Shaun Banner, Robert Bourne, President Sean Burrage, Eddy Dempsey, Scott Dewald, Tammye Gwin, Jeff Hammock, Mike Goodwin, Bryan Hallmark, Ketan Jain, Denny Koenders, Greg Massey, Darrell Mendez, and Jeff Tarrant  
  
The following guests were present: Dan Pennington (Durant Democrat) and Zach Skinner (The Tile Shop)
- V. Consideration and Action of February 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes..... Tommy Kramer**  
Robert Holliday motioned to accept with a second by Billy Blackburn. The motion carried by:  
  
Aye: Billy Blackburn, Ron Boyer, Kara Byrd, Bert Davison, Bob Delveaux, Stephanie Garner, Chris Glendening, Mayor Stewart Hoffman, Robert Holliday, Kyle McLemore, Fran Mickle, and Janet Reed, Rick Roy, Tim Rundel and Martin Tucker.  
Nay: None
- VI. Present City of Durant Monthly Sales Tax Report..... Tim Rundel**  
Tim advised there was a rise I April from last year (5%).

**VII. Present County Unemployment Rates for January and February 2017..... Tommy Kramer**  
Tommy Kramer reviewed the handouts showing Bryan County being one of the top three lowest in unemployment in the 40 eastern counties of Oklahoma.

**VIII. OG&E Economic Development Presentation & Update on New Power Services in Durant .....Richard Cornelison – OG&E Economic Development Project Manager**  
Richard Cornelison advised that OG&E is a 115-year-old company as of 2017, with 834,000 customers and 2,500 employees. Richard then reviewed his PowerPoint presentation with the Council (presentation is available upon request).

Richard Cornelison commended Tommy Kramer for the economic development work he has done in the Durant and Bryan County community. He stated that to be successful, every community must have a “lead dog”, that one person the perspective and existing companies can go to, not get the run around and can close the deal and for Durant that is Tommy Kramer. OG&E appreciate everything Tommy and the Durant community as done for us.

OG&E has a 2.5 megawatt solar farm in Oklahoma City and all of that energy is spoken for and there is a waiting list, so we are looking for other options. We will focus on industrial first then move on to residential. Residential has a longer ROI and we are working on the balance between all solar and on the grid for days that are cloudy.

**IX. Present Service Award to Jeff Monroe – First Texoma National Bank .....Mayor Hoffman**  
Mayor Hoffman stated that the Durant Industrial Authority Board and the Economic Development Council Board appreciate the time Jeff Monroe served as a board member.

Jeff Monroe stated he enjoyed serving with the Durant Industrial Authority and the Economic Development council in supporting the growth of our community.

**X. New Business.....Tommy Kramer**  
Janet Reed advised that the Keep Durant Clean and Green begins April 22, 2017.

Bob Delveaux announced that BrucePac Durant has won an innovation award for being the Supplier of the Year.

Tommy Kramer advised that Cardinal Glass has been renovating the plant and they fired up the new furnace. They are now working on the renovation of the cold side of the plant. Full glass production will occur in early May.

Tommy Kramer handed out maps showing the locations of new housing editions within the Durant city limits. Tim Rundel stated there are also several outside the city limits that are under construction at the present time. .

Tommy Kramer handed out a map showing a new natural gas pipeline that will run from Kingfisher to Bennington. This will give Durant an uptick in sales tax when it arrives in the Durant area.

Tommy Kramer passed out a booklet showing the new 2017 House of Representatives for Oklahoma.

Tommy advised that CMC has a new company, Stein, Inc. that will be handling the steel logistics for them this year.

**XI. Adjournment..... Tommy Kramer**  
Stewart Hoffman motioned for adjournment with a second from Martin Tucker  
Tommy Kramer called the meeting adjourned.