



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

City Council Chambers

Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present

Mayor, Becky S. Smith, Council Members: Brent Guffey, Brenda Boyd, Dan Boling, Joe Will, and Donnie Griffin were all present. Council member, Kay McCathen was absent. City Manager, James Inman and City Attorney, Dan O'Shea were present as well.

Call to Order

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of this meeting was discuss the negotiation of property for sale on Edgewood Rd. and the approval of an Economic Development Grant.

Building Rehabilitation Incentive Grant (BRIG) Approval – 102 W. Virginia Avenue (The Venue at Blossom)

An application from Blossom was received for the BRIG grant. Blossom has started to lease said property, in hopes of turning it in to a venue hall. This venue would be open for parties and corporate events. The property is not ADA accessible currently. The property owner would like to receive the grant to aid in making the property ADA accessible. A ramp is needed on the 12th Street side. If approved, the owner would receive a dollar for dollar match up to \$10,000 per grant guidelines. The property owners would have to provide a certificate of occupancy before grant funds are released.

By motion of Joe Will and unanimous vote, the BRIG grant was approved for property at 102 W. Virginia Avenue.

Negotiation of Property Sale for Economic Development Project

The City purchased property on Edgewood Rd for \$180,000 for an Economic Development Project. This property has a house on it. A contract has been negotiated with a developer to purchase the property for \$185,000 and a discount on utility cost that the developer would incur. Said developer will create jobs that pay above the County's median wage. City Staff is seeking Council's approval regarding the sale of property. Attorney O'Shea explained the provisions of the sale in accordance with NCGS.

By motion of Dan Boling and unanimous vote, the sale of property at 806 Edgewood Rd. Tax Parcel #152646 for \$185,000.

Council General Discussion

Mayor Smith opened the floor for Council general discussion. General discussion was held regarding new town home development, landscaping on Sunset Lane, and the Annual Retreat, which will be held February 17th and February 18th.

Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the board, by motion of Brenda Boyd and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM.

Becky S. Smith, Mayor

Hydeia Y. Hayes, City Clerk