

M I N U T E S
NEWCASTLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER / SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS/ROLL CALL

The February 12, 2018, Meeting of the Newcastle Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman Phillip Nelson.

Those present were:

Chairman	Phillip Nelson	Present
Vice-Chairman	Carl Rose	Present
Trustee	Orvis McMahan	Present
Trustee	Gordon Harness	Absent – arrived 12:20 p.m.
Trustee	Stella Cox	Present
Ex-Officio	Nick Nazar	Absent
Ex-Officio	Jeannette Lore	Present

Others: Todd Kennemer, Kevin Self

ITEM 2: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carl Rose made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Harness	Absent
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.

ITEM 3: CONSENT DOCKET
November 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

Carl Rose made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017, Regular Meeting. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Harness	Absent
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.

ITEM 4: REPORTS

Bank statement was reviewed.

Kevin Self commented that no contacts have been made to date, but Developer, Rocky Clark, may want to continue his advertisement and rent ½ of the billboard.

As part of an agreement with the City of Newcastle, Mr. Clark has advertised his development, Riverview, on ½ of the city billboard located to the North rent free. The City now has the option to lease the sign.

ITEM 5: CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION ON REPORT BY CITY MANAGER AND CHAMBER DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Gordon Harness arrived.

Jeanette Lore commented that residential development is happening. Commercial calls have increased. National name brands are interested in developing in Newcastle. Poppa Johns has signed a lease with Kerry McKellips on property on Highway 62.

Thru-Tubing has completed contracts with the City for sewer service.

It was discussed that Pioneer Telephone has lowered charges on internet service in Newcastle. They have also hired a PR person that will reach out to Blanchard and Newcastle areas to help create better service in the area. The PR person will also work with the builders in the area.

Kevin Self also commented on the increase in taxes for online sales. The increase started in May and has continued.

ITEM 7: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

See above comments.

ITEM 8: TRUSTEE COMMENTS

See above comments.

ITEM 9: OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS

Current Chairman Phillip Nelson is resigning from the committee.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

Gordon Harness made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Orvis McMahan seconded the motion.

Board Polled:

McMahan	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.