

**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 6, 2017, Meeting of the Newcastle Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Carl Rose.

Those present were:

Chairman	Phillip Nelson	Absent
Vice-Chairman	Carl Rose	Present
Trustee	Orvis McMahan	Absent
Trustee	Gordon Harness	Present
Trustee	Stella Cox	Present
Ex-Officio	Nick Nazar	Present
Ex-Officio	Jeannette Lore	Present

**ITEM 2: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gordon Harness made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Nelson	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 3: CONSENT DOCKET**  
December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

Stella Cox made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016, Regular Meeting. Carl Rose seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Nelson	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 4: REPORTS**

Bank statement was reviewed.

Gordon Harness made the motion to approve the bank balance records. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Nelson	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 5: CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

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

City Manager, Nick Nazar discussed the proposed construction date for the new Love's which is 2-7-17. The City is currently working with a concrete company that will be located on the same property as the asphalt plant that will provide concrete for the Love's. The concrete plant is currently working on the UPOR application through the City.

City Manager also commented on the decrease in sales tax from Walmart. He also commented on the continued population growth and that the closest estimate of population for Newcastle is approximately 10,000.

It was also discussed that the new Love's will have a Dunkin Donuts and Subway located in the facility that the city will be able to capture sales tax. The corner to the South of the Love's facility has had rumor from Murphy Oil for a gas station, also Cracker Barrell or

I-Hop. In conversations with the Chickasaws, they have possible contacts with Chili's for a restaurant. The City is currently working with the Nation on a possible crosswalk at the intersection, but possibly located on the South side of the intersection.

Between Focus Federal Credit Union and the Dentist office on Highway 37 will be located the Tri City Café/Onion Burger. The current billboard at the location will be removed. There will be a cross drive at this location between parking lots.

The Volleyball facility behind LaLuna is discussing a possible expansion.

Bar-B-Q by Finley is now open Friday and Saturday located on Highway 37.

Gordon Harness inquired about any financing programs available for leased buildings that the NEDA can promote to individuals or businesses.

Stella Cox asked about any recent business closings. Chamber Director, Jeanette Lore discussed that some of the smaller businesses are struggling at this time.

Nick Nazar also discussed that a new ice machine will be opening next to the Flying Java on Main Street.

The City is still working with the Tax Commission regarding the sales tax dollars from the Highway 9 area. The zip code in this area can interfere with the sales tax dollars that should be sent to Newcastle, but is being sent to Norman. City Manager discussed having an audit done in this area to check sales tax receipts.

**ITEM 7: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Gordon Harness made the motion to recommend re-election of Phillip Nelson as Chairman and Carl Rose as Vice-Chairman. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board polled:

McMahan	Absent
Nelson	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

See above comments.

**ITEM 9: TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

See above comments.

**ITEM 10: OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ITEM 11: NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT**

Gordon Harness made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Stella Cox seconded the motion.

Board Polled:

McMahan	Absent
Nelson	Absent
Harness	Yes
Rose	Yes
Cox	Yes

Motion Carried.