



MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

City of Ames Economic Development

April 09, 2024

President Emmett Albro called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the City of Ames, City Hall Building.

Invocation

Invocation and the Pledge of Alliance was performed.

Attendance

Roll call was taken, and the following Directors were present:

President Emmett Albro, Vice President Reggie Rollins, John Bennett, Jerry Reescano, Anthony Landry, and Eddie White. Giovanni Stewart joined the meeting after the initial attendance was taken.

Mayor Barbara Lee Domain was also in attendance.

Director Barbara Lange was absent.

Approval of Board Agenda

A motion was made by Reggie Rollins, and second by Jerry Reescano to approve the Board Agenda. A vote was taken, and the agenda approved. Motion was made by Reggie Rollins and second by Eddie white to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 12, 2024. Vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

New Business

- A. Articles of Incorporation
- B. Neighborhood Revitalization
- C. Bus stops
- D. Fire/Police Donation of Equipment
- E. Claxton (Transportation Services)
- F. Fund Raiser

The Mayor told the board that the City Council received a copy of the EDC's Articles of Incorporation. She was not present for the council meeting, and the council members had questions about the articles. The City Council did not approve the EDC's bylaws. Anthony Landry asked if the City Council had to approve our Articles of Incorporation and bylaws. Emmett Albro informed the EDC that we are a separate entity that will have functions independently from the City Council, their approval is not needed.

The EDC board of directors will have to have their monthly meeting before the City Council meeting. The board agreed to have the monthly meeting on the last Tuesday of every month. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 11:00 am.

Neighborhood Revitalization-clean up along Hwy 90. John Bennett presented the idea of some attraction to bring to Ames. Give people a reason to visit Ames and make travelers aware that they have entered the City of Ames. Proposed the idea of new signs along Hwy 90 for the City of Ames. Mayor Domain stated that she would like to have a stone wall made with "Welcome to the City of Ames". She informed the board that she has spoken to someone in the community that will be able to complete the project. Emmett Albro proposed a residential clean-up for some properties on Hwy 90. Some members could take pictures of the properties, and members of the community could assist the property owner in the clean up process. Mayor Domain told the board that the Ames Community Improvement Group could assist in that project.

Mayor Domain asked the EDC to come up with some names for the Second Sub.

Claxton Transportation Services is interested in providing public transportation for the City of Ames. There would be a bus transfer station/hub located in Ames. Possible locations for the bus stops and making sure that they are covered properly, was mentioned by Emmett Albro. The transportation service has stated that the initial employment opportunities will be offered to residents in Ames and Raywood. A motion was made by John Bennett to get more information and a formal proposal from Clayton Transportation Services. The motion was second by Reggie Rollins, vote was taken and approved.

President Emmett Albro informed the Directors that a fundraiser would be needed for the EDC. Mayor Domain presented the possibility of the EDC partnering with the Ames Community Improvement Group's Christmas in July.

The mayor can be present at the EDC meetings. The mayor does not have a vote and cannot vote on any EDC business. All EDC proposals are confidential.

Reports

No Reports

Announcements

Secretary Giovanni Stewart will contact the Board members prior to the scheduled meeting.

Next Meeting

April 30, 2024 @ 11:00 AM

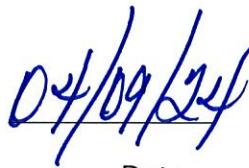
Adjournment

A motion was made by Reggie Rollins and second by Eddie White to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

The minutes dated April 09, 2024, have been read and approved by the EDC Board of Directors.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Giovanni Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Giovanni Stewart, EDC Secretary

A handwritten date in blue ink, reading "04/09/24", written over a horizontal line.

Date