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**FLORESVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MARCH 9 TH, 2020 6:00 PM**  
**FLORESVILLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**1120 D STREET, FLORESVILLE, TEXAS 78114**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm, by Daniel Tejada, President.

**Establish Quorum:** Daniel Tejada, Liana Martinez, David Del Bosque, Jacob Gaona, Randy Bruett, Ray Lamberth, Roy Idrach, Ben Reed, Charlotte Ximenez-Nelson, Henrietta Turner, Sylvia Rodriguez

**Guests:** Councilman Juan Ortiz, Kerry Esquivel, Ben Lamberth, Greg Ripps, Freddy Amaro

**Invocation by Roy Idrach**

**Recited U.S. Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Pledge by all in attendance**

**Citizen Comments: None**

**1. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. C&A to approve meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 10th, 2020.  
Ray Lamberth made a motion to approve as presented.

**MOTION BY:** Ray Lamberth, **SECONDED BY:** Randy Bruett

**COMMENTS:** None

**Vote: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstaining: 2 Absent: 0**

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada	X			
Jacob Gaona	X			
Roy Idrach	X			
Randy Bruett	X			
Ray Lamberth	X			
Liana Martinez			X	
David Del Bosque			X	

**2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

a. Board Member Sherry Castillo's resignation effective March 1, 2020 was accepted by the City Council on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2020. Executive Dir.: Ben Reed

Ben Reed expressed his appreciation for her service. She made a decision to move to Boerne Texas. We all wish her the best.

b. City Council appointed new FEDC board members, Liana Martinez and David Del Bosque on February 27<sup>th</sup>,2020. Executive Dir.: Ben Reed

The Board welcomed both Liana Martinez and David Del Bosque, who will be great assets to our board moving forward.

c. IRS Refund Status Finance Director: Helen Martinez

ABIP Auditors were at City Hall beginning today and Finance Director was occupied with them. Henrietta Turner advised IRS has not provided a refund.

d. Financial Overview of February 2020 Treasurer: Roy Idrach

We have an increase of approximately 11% which is a reflection of the added sales tax from the city annexation.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

a. C&A to approve Façade and Signage Grant for Mata's Cafe. Presenter: Lorenza Mata

Ben presented in the absence of Ms. Mata. The total bid is \$16,292 and 50% is \$8,146. Ben recommends payment of the grant max of \$7500. The bid includes a neon sign and replacing the front door with a commercial door and additional façade upgrades. The Board agreed for payment being made directly to the contractor as needed stead the business owner. David Del Bosque suggested we be added as an additional insured on the contractor's policy if we pay the contractor directly.

Ray Lamberth made a motion to approve as presented.

**MOTION BY:** Ray Lamberth, **SECONDED BY:** Roy Idrach

**COMMENTS:** None

**Vote: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0**

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada	X			
Jacob Gaona	X			

Roy Idrach	X
Randy Bruett	X
Ray Lamberth	X
Liana Martinez	X
David Del Bosque	X

b. C&A to approve Façade and Signage Grant for Amaro's Collision Center.

Presenter: Freddy Amaro

Mr. Amaro has been in Business since 1997. He will be painting the façade exterior of his Collision Repair facility. Ben recommends paying the grant max of \$7500 for façade and signage. His bid is \$16,575.00 and at 50% \$8,287,50 still exceeds grant max allowed.

Jacob Gaona made a motion to approve the 50% grant maximum as presented.

**MOTION BY:** Jacob Gaona, **SECONDED BY:** Ray Lamberth

**COMMENTS:** None

**Vote: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0**

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada	X			
Jacob Gaona	X			
Roy Idrach	X			
Randy Bruett	X			
Ray Lamberth	X			
Liana Martinez	X			
David Del Bosque	X			

c. C&A to approve the FEDC taking ownership of managing the usage of the electrical boxes on the Courthouse Square; currently managed by Chamber of Commerce.

Executive Dir.: Ben Reed

Power boxes on the Courthouse square lawn have been maintained by the Chamber of Commerce and they are asking that we take over the payment and management of the electrical boxes moving forward. There are 6 boxes total and we will have the capability to control the power usage and the billing of the use. The key we have in possession will allow the power access as needed. Total cost is approximately \$70 total at a commercial rate for use of all power boxes. Ben Reed will take the minutes to FELPS to have the bill transferred to the FEDC.

David Del Bosque made a motion to approve the ownership of the FELPS Power boxes and billing as presented.

**MOTION BY:** David Del Bosque, **SECONDED BY:** Ray Lamberth

**COMMENTS:** None

**Vote: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0 Absent: 0**

<u>B.O.D. Names</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Daniel Tejada	X			
Jacob Gaona	X			
Roy Idrach	X			
Randy Bruett	X			
Ray Lamberth	X			
Liana Martinez	X			
David Del Bosque	X			

**4. DIRECTORS FORUM**

- a. Lodi Park update – waiting on the sign to dedicate the park and also the Adopt a Park sign, has been ordered. One of the Basketball Goals was redone as it was rusted. FELPS to bid underground vs. above ground for 4 new poles w/ LED lighting. The picnic area is complete and now we are in the process to purchase and develop 2 sand volleyball courts. El Mecias Church has partnered with the City to adopt Lodi Park and the sign has been ordered.
- b. Update on Memo of Understanding with the City of Floresville – still in the planning stages to define the roles and responsibilities. As we progress and combine the resources to move back and forth on projects.
- c. Summer Music Series – Chez and Ben have visited, June 10<sup>th</sup> is the 10 yr. anniversary of the Event center. Nothing will be planned for June and July. We want to bring something downtown to the city businesses since we are tearing up their front doors. (sidewalks) Possibly in August we can have a back to school music series. Freedom Fest is now diversifying and it will be renamed to Celebrate America. We want to include all ethnic backgrounds to celebrate that day at the Event Center.
- d. Public Safety Complex for City Police Department – Lt. Jesse Evans, spoke to Ben and confirmed shooting the weapons to get qualified is required by the PD. Since the WCN mentioned the possibility of a Safety Complex (Shooting Range) at the Industrial Park, one land owner, who owns 200-300 acres has offered to donate \$20,000. A feasible location has not been found to meet the requirements.

- e. FEDC is applying for a business incubator grant via USDA. The goal is to purchase a building downtown which will become our incubator building to be used by the Community, new businesses, existing businesses to train and utilize as needed. The facility will be used to improve their knowledge and experience for the betterment of their workforce. The grant deadline to submit the application is March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Attraction (Charlotte Ximenez-Nelson) - The Snowzilla slide originally considered was a high risk and Charlotte will be researching other options of Attractions. Some of the suggestions have been an ice-skating rink. We want to include an attraction to improve our Christmas Tree Lighting Event. If anyone has ideas or would like to contribute to this event, please contact Charlotte.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**: Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

  
Benjamin T. Reed, FEDC Executive Director