

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AZLE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
December 12, 2017**

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CITY OF AZLE §

The Azle Municipal Development District of the City of Azle, Texas convened in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 613 Southeast Parkway, Azle, Texas, on the 12th day of December 2017 with the following members present:

Ray Ivey	President - Place 4
Kevin Ingle	Vice President - Place 6
Joe McCormick	Secretary - Place 3
Councilman Bill Jones	Director - Place 1
Councilman David McClure	Director - Place 2
Jack Stevens	Director - Place 5
Tom Muir	Executive Director/City Manager

Constituting a quorum. Director Justin Berg was excused from tonight's meeting. Staff present was:

Karen Dickson	Economic Development Director
Susie Hiles	Assistant to City Manager- Scribe

The following items were considered in accordance with the official agenda posted on the 8th day of December, 2017.

REGULAR SESSION:
CALL TO ORDER

6:30 p.m.

President Ivey called the session to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION

1. Annual Report on Economic Development

EDD Dickson presented an annual report on economic development activities noting the City implemented a Strategic Plan a little over one year ago with twelve (12) goals and have accomplished nine (9) so far. The three remaining goals are:

- identifying infrastructure goals (working with engineering firm to do an infrastructure impact fee study)
- attracting new commercial development (continuing to market properties to developers)
- attracting new hotel (upcoming meeting with hotel developer to look at possible location sites)

- Continued efforts to market Azle through trade shows and follow up on leads received from those shows

Prospect Activity:

- Have received multiple inquiries about affordable multi-family and senior living housing projects – mainly due to the scoring with tax credits now available for locations in Parker County.
- Submitted three (3) site proposals; a manufacturing facility for outdoor lighting (50 jobs), sales office for a global medical products company (5 jobs), and an inbound call center (400 jobs).
- The old vitamin store on Main Street is now going to be a boutique antique furniture store.
- Palio Pizza will locate in the old Radio Shack space.
- Food service company looking at opening a store location.

- Awarded three (3) Façade and Sign Improvement Grants totaling \$14,571.
- Three (3) businesses expanded

President Ivey brought up a concern regarding properties that have various constraints preventing them from being developed. Board discussed the challenges of the MDD in helping with developing Azle and how can the Board help to

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"open up" opportunities to develop those properties that have stumbling blocks. Would like to have an agenda item at the February meeting to review available properties and what are the stumbling blocks preventing these properties from moving.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Consider approving the Minutes of the October 10, 2017 Azle MDD regular meeting.**

Vice President Kevin Ingle moved to approve the Minutes as discussed, with second by Director Jack Stevens. The motion was unanimously approved

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3. Discuss deer population control as it relates to economic development**

Director Jack Stevens brought his concern regarding the increased presence of deer in Azle neighborhoods to the Board at the October meeting and provided a report, published by Texas Parks and Wildlife, on *Deer Management Within Suburban Areas* and asked they review this information and provide feedback on whether the City should conduct a survey to determine if deer management measures are needed. The Board asked Director Muir to find out who could conduct this survey and bring back his findings to the Board.

City Staff contacted Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas AgriLife Extension and was told traditional surveys do not provide accurate data on "open range" deer populations due to their ability to move in and out of the area. Both entities suggested we start with a citizen survey or Town Hall meeting to determine if the community thinks there is a problem. The only options to reduce the deer population are "trap and transport" or "trap and process"; both require a lot of City resources.

The Board discussed this issue and decided this is an issue that needs to be discussed with City Council. Mr. Muir to set up a joint meeting with City Council at the January meeting.

- 4. Discussion regarding Azle Municipal Development District plans/procedures/policies as well as funding opportunity options.**

No items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ray Ivey adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

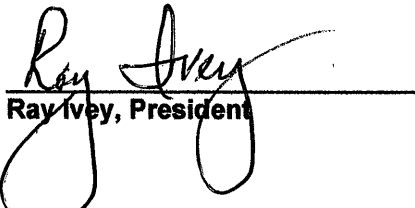
PRESENTED AND APPROVED this the 10th day of April, 2018.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Joe McCormick, Secretary



Ray Ivey, President