



CITY OF BANDERA

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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANDERA

TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2020 AT 10:00 AM

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Schauman calls the meeting to order at 10:03 am. All Councilmembers are present. Also present is the City Secretary Jill Shelton, City Administrator J Horry, and Marshal Will Dietrich. The City Attorney Dan Santee was on Zoom and had the capability to give input during the meeting.
2. **Visitors to be heard.** *[Suspended during declared emergency per Governor's order]*
3. **Discussion and possible action on the following items:**
 - a. **Discussion and possible action on a request from Bandera Economic Development Corporation on a budget amendment of \$100,00.00 for COVID-19 disaster relief to create account 50101 COVID-19 emergency fund with \$100,000.00 beginning transferred from \$4,000.00 from 40060 Advertising, \$4,000.00 from 40070 Travel/Research/Education, \$2,000.00 from 40081 Audit Fees, \$10,000.00 from 40082 Engineering Fees, \$10,000.00 from 40084 Consulting Fees, \$ 5,000.00 from 40095 Maintenance/Repairs, \$5,000.00 from 48012 City/Unrestricted, \$25,000.00 from 48013 City/Master Plan, \$10,000.00 from 49010 City Park Upgrades, \$25,000.00 from 50001 Incentives.**

Mayor Pro Tem Gibson makes a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Russe. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
 - b. **Discussion and possible action on approving one of the two plan options proposed by BEDC regarding maximum BEDC amounts funded per business.**

Councilmember Palmer makes a motion to move to discuss both options, seconded by Councilmember Russe. Mayor Pro Tem Gibson asks for Mr. Santee to clarify that this can be done. Mr. Santee clarifies that the motion stands to discuss both options. There is much discussion about both options. Councilmember Palmer would like to add to her motion that the funds should be used for rent, mortgage or utilities. Councilmember Russe would like to see essential and non-essential get different amounts. There was a consensus that a little of both programs meshed could possibly be the best option. Mr. Santee verified that the EDC could administer the program based on what is put on the resolution.

Councilmember Russe made a motion to authorize non-essential business that pay sells tax to be eligible for up to \$2,500.00 in reimbursement based upon utility, rent and mortgage receipts. He would like for essential businesses to receive up to \$1,000.00 each with the same stipulations and the same application for incentives. Seconded by Councilmember Palmer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.
 - c. **Second reading and approval of Resolution 2020-001 authorizing a program for certain financial assistance by the BEDC up to an amount to be determined to be distributed as business grants, a line of credit or other financial assistance to be used for employee retention and other eligible expenditures for business located within the City of Bandera, Texas.**

Mayor Schauman reads the resolution and clarifies that the two blanks are that the being filled in are that the program does not exceed a total of \$100,000.00 and not to exceed 2500.00 per individual. *Mayor Pro Tem Gibson makes a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.*

d. Discussion and possible action on approving BEDC to set up an EDC program that accepts private funds to be distributed in the same manner as the COVID-19 emergency fund.

Mayor Schauman asks Mr. Santee to discuss this item. He explains that private funding is different from the City funding and that they can take any private donations they want to. *Councilmember Palmer makes a motion to approve BEDC to set up an EDC program that accepts private funds to be distributed in the same manner as the COVID-19 emergency fund by creating a new line item for private funding, seconded by Councilmember Don Clark. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.*

e. Discussion and possible action on the City contributing funds to the BEDC COVID-19 emergency fund.

Mayor Schauman makes a statement that the City is in a good financial position and she does not mean the budget, she proposes that the City enter into a 380 agreement and match the funds. She feels like the City really needs to help the business owners that are struggling. Mr. Santee explains what they need to decide is what amount of funds they want to allocate, and have the program administered by the BEDC. The agreement would be between the City and the BEDC and then the agreement with the recipient would include the City also so it would be a three-party agreement. *Councilmember Russe makes a motion to approve the creation of a 380 agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gibson. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.*

4. Requests and Announcements.

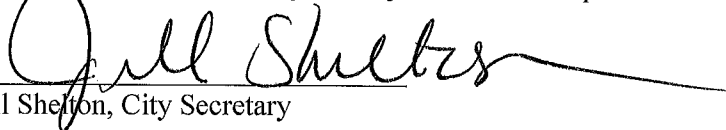
a. Request by Council to place items on a future agenda.

Possibility of filling vacancy
Wastewater update
Street program update
Update on the Jake Brake signs

b. Announcements by Council.

Special graduate ceremony at Alkek Elementary for the Seniors on May 22th drive-in graduation, they will then come down Main street for people to cheer them on.
Softball field is complete at the City Park and it looks good.
Speed limit signs have been changed and are up in HWY 173

5. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41pm


Jill Shelton, City Secretary