

Downtown Development Authority of the City of Eastman  
Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 18, 2023  
Eastman City Hall  
4:30 p.m.

Authority Members Present: Sammy Young, Andrea McCranie, Paula McCain, Ron Daniels, Wynnon Pittman and Willie Mae Nash.

Others in Attendance: Maya Clark, Rita Llop and Spence Barron.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea McCranie.

The invocation was given by Sammy Young.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andrea McCranie

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Paula McCain and seconded by Wynnon Pittman. Motion is carried.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 20, 2023 was made by Ron Daniels and seconded by Willie Mae Nash. Motion is carried.

The minutes for the December 1, 2023 called meeting were not available.

A motion to accept the recommendation of the Façade Grant Committee and approve the grants for Figures Curvy Boutique and Philip J. Nash Enterprises, LLC was made by Ron Daniels and seconded by Wynnon Pittman. Motion is carried. Willie Mae Nash abstained from voting due to her affiliation with the businesses.

Andrea McCranie said she had been presented with an opportunity to have Jeff Sigler who wrote the book, "Is Your City Sick?" come to the community. He would look at things that need to be addressed, meet with leadership and citizens, and hold a town hall meeting to discuss his findings.

Wynnon Pittman made a motion to have a work session focusing on the strategic plan on January 9, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall. The motion was seconded by Ron Daniels. The motion carried.

Ron Daniels provided an update to the Wholesale Property. He stated the RFP would be drafted and run for a period of 4 weeks starting in January. Wynnon Pittman stated asbestos testing would be done. Richard Kemp is about 75% done with removing the items he purchase. The purchase agreement for Terry Hardeman will be signed at the January meeting.

The financial report was given. A balance of \$18, 773.20 remains in the account as of November 30, 2023. Ron Daniels made a motion to accept the financial report as information seconded by Wynnon Pittman.

Andrea McCranie gave a history of the caboose that is property of the city. A discussion was had about having the caboose returned to the city.

Andrea McCranie informed the authority of the corn hole tournament Leave It Better wanted the Authority to participate in on December 30, 2023. After some discussion, it was decided the tournament was a good idea but it was too short of a notice for the Authority to participate. Individual members said they would help and volunteer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wynnon Pittman and seconded by Ron Daniels.

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Roy Grenade, Secretary

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Andrea McCranie, Chairperson