

Downtown Development Authority of the City of Eastman
Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 18, 2024
Eastman City Hall
4:30 p.m.

Authority Members Present: Andrea McCranie, Roy Grenade, Wynnon Pittman, Paula McCain and Willie Mae Nash.

Authority Member Absent: Sammy Young

Others in Attendance: Rita Llop

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea McCranie at 4:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Roy Grenade.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andrea McCranie

A motion to approve the agenda for the March 18, 2024 meeting was made by Wynnon Pittman and seconded by Paula McCain. Motion is carried.

A motion was made by Wynnon Pittman to delay the election of officers for the 2024 year until all authority members were present. The motion was seconded by Paula McCain. Motion is carried.

A motion to approve the February 22, 2024 meeting minutes, 2024 was made by Roy Grenade and seconded by Wynnon Pittman. Motion is carried.

In old business, chairperson Andrea McCranie gave an update on the Strategic Plan for the Downtown Development Authority. McCranie suggested to the authority to solicit help from Alan Mazza, John Reddock and Mimi Dennis. McCranie informed the group that these three individuals would give input to the DDA and assist the authority members with the gathering of data and information needed to complete the strategic plan. Discussion was held regarding the Strategic Plan formulated by the City of Sylvania, Georgia. It was noted that Sylvania's strategic plan fell more in-line with the size and scope of Eastman. McCranie is to present dates for work session to begin work on the strategic plan at the April 15, 2024 meeting of the DDA.

Under new business, attorney Rita Llop presented a resolution regarding the Wholesale Property. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Roy Grenade and seconded by Paula McCain. Motion is carried.

An invoice from The Dodge County News in the amount of \$143.01 for legal advertisements and public announcements was presented. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Roy Grenade and seconded by Paula McCain. Motion is carried.

A financial report was given by DDA Treasurer Willie Mae Nash. As of March 18, 2024, the balance for the DDA general fund totaled \$34,175.83. A motion to accept this as information was made by Roy Grenade and seconded by Wynnon Pittman. Motion is carried.

Under committee reports, Paula McCain presented a fundraiser idea and event for the community. A drive-In Movie Night at the downtown amphitheater was discussed. Tickets would be sold to include drinks and popcorn. Roy Grenade made a motion to proceed with this event which was seconded by Paula McCain. McCain will present more information at the April 15, 2024 meeting. Motion is carried.

A motion by Roy Grenade to have Chairperson Andrea McCranie request from the City of Eastman the annual budgeted commitment of \$10,000.00 for fiscal year 2024 to be issued to the DDA was made. This motion was seconded by Paula McCain. Motion is carried.

There were no public comments.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 pm was made by Wynnon Pittman and seconded by Willie Mae Nash. Motion is carried.