

This is to certify that in conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, public notice of the date, time and place of this meeting was filed with the City Clerk of Durant on the 5th day of May, 2020 and that an agenda of said meeting was posted at the place of such meeting at 3:00 p.m. on August, 10 2020.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF August 12, 2020, 2020 AT 3:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, Oklahoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Thorpe called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Reed provided the invocation. Chairman Thorpe led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Charles Calhoun
Trustee Tammy Cross (appeared via Zoom)
Trustee Brandon Johnson (appeared via Zoom)
Trustee Janet Reed
Vice Chairman Danny Sherrer
Chairman Jim Thorpe

Absent:

Trustee Debbie Anthony

Chairman Thorpe declared a quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Consideration and Action - Approval of Minutes for**
 - a. **July 8, 2020 Regular Called Meeting**

APPROVED

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Calhoun to approve the regular called meeting minutes of July 8, 2020.

Ayes: Johnson, Calhoun, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: Johnson

b. July 31, 2020 Special Called Meeting

APPROVED

Trustee Cross did not appear on video at the July 31st, 2020 meeting. For this reason, the minutes will need to be amended to reflect Trustee Cross was absent.

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Johnson to approve the amended the special called meeting minutes of July 31, 2020 to reflect Trustee Cross as absent.

Ayes: Johnson, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: Calhoun

Absent: Trustee Cross

2. Review DTEDA Financial Reports – May 2020 - Treasurer

Jennifer Taylor presented the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority (DTEDA) Financial Report – June 2020 on behalf of the Durant City Treasurer. Trustee Calhoun requested a year to date detail report for the next meeting.

3. Discuss and Consider Approval of Proposal for Advanced Lighting Project Presented by Curtis Armor

TABLED

Mr. Armor stated it is time to help downtown rejuvenate itself. Mr. Armor believes the lighting project will make the downtown business district more pedestrian friendly and provide additional safety and security. Chairman Thorpe stated he would like to table this item in order to obtain a written legal opinion and place this item on the September 9, 2020 agenda. Chairman Thorpe informed Trustee Reed that Attorney Mark Morrison is requiring additional information before he can provide a written opinion. Trustee Reed stated she will contact Attorney Morrison. Trustee Reed requested Mr. Armor proceed with the presentation. Mr. Armor gave an overview of the project. Mr. Armor will provide a more detailed presentation once the written opinion has been received from legal counsel. The Authority Board requested Mr. Armor provide a sketch of the proposed lighting designs.

Motion was made by Trustee Calhoun and seconded by Trustee Cross to table this item to September 9, 2020 to allow Trustee Reed to get a legal opinion on this project.

Ayes: Johnson, Calhoun, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

4. Discuss and Consider Approval of 2020-2021 Advertising Proposals

- a) Jennifer Taylor discussed two advertising proposals from 'Before the Movie' at Choctaw Casino.

Motion was made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Cross to approve funds not to exceed \$5,000 for Discover Oklahoma TV and table items regarding radio, digital and billboard advertising.

Ayes: Johnson, Calhoun, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

5. Discuss and Consider Approval to Amend FY2020-2021 Advertising Budget

APPROVED

Chairman Calhoun suggested an increased budget allocation to \$150,000 dollars.

Motion was made by Trustee Calhoun and seconded by Chairman Thorpe to approve funds not to exceed \$150,000 for general advertising.

Ayes: Johnson, Calhoun, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

6. Discuss and Consider Approval for Revision to Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival Grant Funding

NO ACTION

Trustee Reed stated the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival Organizers are working on another proposal.

7. Discuss and Consider Approval for Funding Guidelines to the Durant Multi-Sports Complex

NO ACTION

Assistant City Manager James Dalton informed the authority board that Marty Pope resigned his position. The new Parks Superintendent/Durant Multi Sports Complex Director will begin his employment on 08/24/2020. Assistant City Manager Dalton will introduce him at the September 9, 2020 meeting. Discussion followed regarding funding

for tournaments. Chairman Thorpe requested Assistant City Manager Dalton be prepared to present a proposal with numbers at the September 9, 2020 meeting.

8. Information Items

a. Durant Area Chamber of Commerce Activity Report

9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no citizen comments.

10. Report from Choctaw Nation Tourism Department

No report was presented.

11. Old Business

There was no old business.

12. New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Calhoun and seconded by Trustee Reed to adjourn meeting.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Calhoun, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the original minutes in draft form. The minutes contained herein have not been approved by the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority and are scheduled to appear on the September 9, 2020 regular agenda for consideration.

**BLAKE M. HOFFMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
CITY OF DURANT, OKLAHOMA**
