

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF POTTER §
AND RANDALL §
CITY OF AMARILLO §

On the 2nd day of June, 2015, the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 12:00 PM, in Room 306 of City Hall, at 509 E. 7th Street, Amarillo, Texas with the following members present:

Voting Members	Present	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
Richard Brown, Vice-Chairman, City of Amarillo	Yes	68	64
Dr. David Woodburn, Amarillo College	Yes	30	21
Smith Ellis, Amarillo Hospital District	Yes	1	1
Vacant, Amarillo Independent School District	No		
Jason Herrick, City of Amarillo	No	19	13
Scott Bentley, Chairman, City of Amarillo	Yes	31	30
Johnny Merritt, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District	No	11	8
Nick Ward, Potter County	Yes	6	6
Leon Church, Potter County	Yes	6	5
Judge Thomas Jones, Potter County	Yes	6	6

Others Present:

Michelle Bonner, Asst. City Manager – Finance
Kelley Shaw, Planning Director

Marcus Norris, City Attorney
Jan Sanders, Recording Secretary

Chairman Bentley opened the meeting at 12:05 PM, established a quorum and conducted the consideration of the following items listed below.

ITEM 1 Approve the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2015.

Chairman Bentley asked for corrections, deletions or changes to the minutes of March 12, 2015. Richard Brown advised Item 2, page 2, first paragraph, last sentence should be corrected to reflect ‘Mr. Shaw concluded discussions were held by the Board’. Motion was made by Leon Church, seconded by Dr. Woodburn, to approve the minutes with the above referenced change. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2 Discuss and consider TIRZ #1 letter of support for the City of Amarillo Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant application.

Melissa Dailey, Downtown Amarillo, Inc. (DAI) presented a proposed complete streets project to revitalize Polk St. from SW 11th Ave. to SW 3rd Ave, and along SW 6th Ave from the Amarillo Rock Island Rail Trail at SW 7th Ave. and Crockett St. to the proposed Intermodal Transportation Center at Grant St. and SW 4th Ave. While establishing a pedestrian safe environment within the current right-of-way, the project includes widening sidewalks to allow for outdoor dining and retail overflow. The project will also include bicycle lanes, and on-street parking. Mrs. Dailey spoke about the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant, which is federal stimulus money for projects she just described. Mrs. Dailey stated DAI (for the City of Amarillo) is applying for the TIGER grant and is requesting endorsement from the TIRZ board.

Motion was made by Richard Brown, seconded by Judge Jones, to offer a letter of support for the 2015 TIGER Grant Program application. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3 Presentation of the March 31, 2015 quarterly financials

Michelle Bonner, Assistant City manager, reported total assets of \$3,595,708 for the second quarter. Total revenues are \$602,887 with total operating expenditures of \$128,704, leaving an excess of \$474,183, plus a beginning of the year fund balance of \$3,121,525. At March 31, 2015, the quarter ended with a fund balance of \$3,595,708.

ITEM 4 Report on Status of Projects:

a. Downtown Convention Hotel, and Parking Structure Projects

Kelley Shaw, Planning Director, advised the hotel project had applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Downtown Design Review Board (DDRB). The DDRB advised the general guidelines had been met, and approved the submitted application.

Mr. Brown advised the hotel project is on tract, and should have additional information on the parking garage at the next board meeting.

ITEM 5 Public Forum.

Chairman Bentley reminded Board members and those in the audience the Board can take no action on matters presented or discussed.

ITEM 6 Discuss Items for Future Agendas.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Shaw to speak with Beth Duke, concerning the streetscape grant program between TIRZ and Center City, and what possible efforts could be made to promote and utilize these funds.

Chairman Bentley stated, after further discussions in the March TIRZ meeting, he would like for the board to take up the tabled application of the Herring Hotel.

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There being no further items before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM. All remarks are recorded and are on file in the Planning Department.