The Bastrop Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) met on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, for a Monthly Meeting. Board members present were: Kristi Koch, Kevin Plunkett, Drusilla Rogers, Joe Beal and Cam Chavez. Board member Ken Kesselus was absent. Staff members present: Shawn Kirkpatrick, Angela Ryan, Jean Riemenschneider and Kathy Merrifield. BEDC Attorney Charlie Zech was also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Board Vice-Chair Kristi Koch called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) – There were no public comments.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS & PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Approval of meeting minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 15, 2017. Mr. Beal made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Ms. Rogers seconded and the motion passed.

3.2. Acceptance of the Bastrop EDC’s financial summary report for period ending May 31, 2017. Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed the May financials. Ms. Rogers made the motion to accept the financials as submitted, Mr. Plunkett seconded and the motion passed.

3.3. Presentation and discussion regarding the Bastrop EDC being awarded the 2017 Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) Workforce Excellence Award. Mr. Kirkpatrick explained that the EDC received this award for the 2016 Youth Career Day, in the category for communities under 15,000 in population. This was the third year the EDC has partnered with Workforce Solutions and Bastrop ISD for a successful event. Mr. Kirkpatrick highlighted the hard work and dedication of Angela Ryan and Jean Riemenschneider and spoke about the community effort necessary for this achievement.

3.4. Consideration, discussion and possible action on approving a Business Incentive Grant for the building located at 916 Main Street (Law Office of Derek Van Gilder), owned by the Charek Corporation, in the amount of $7,100. Mr. Beal made the motion to approve a BEDC Business Incentive Grant Agreement (BIG #2017-006) for the building located at 916 Main Street, owned by the Charek Corporation, for FY 2017, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the EDC. Mr. Chavez seconded and the motion passed.

3.5. Consideration, discussion and possible action on a resolution approving the transfer of Lot 1, Lanford Place, property owned by the Bastrop EDC near the rodeo arena at Mayfest Hill (R36831 and R48757), to the City of Bastrop. Mr. Chavez made the motion to approve Resolution #2017-0008 transferring Lot 1, Lanford Place, from the Bastrop EDC to the City of Bastrop. Mr. Plunkett seconded and the motion passed.

3.6. Consideration, discussion and possible action on approving a letter of support for Bastrop County’s application for a Conditional Use Permit to erect a communications tower in the Bastrop Business and Industrial Park. Mr. Plunkett made the motion to approve a letter supporting Bastrop County’s request for a Conditional Use Permit allowing them to erect a 175-foot communications tower in the Bastrop Business and Industrial Park, and authorize the Executive Director to sign on behalf of the Bastrop EDC. Ms. Rogers seconded and the motion passed.
3.7. **Workshop Session:** The Bastrop EDC Board of Directors conducted a workshop session to review the successes and priorities of the EDC and to preview and discuss the EDC’s FY 2017/2018 budget. Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed several line items within the budget in preparation for the upcoming Budget Workshop in July and gave a presentation about the EDC’s past successes.

3.8. **Report on Bastrop EDC projects/events.** Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed the following items on his report.

1. Coffee Chat
2. FiberLight Project
3. Downtown Trail Expansion
4. Retail and Restaurant Customer Service Training
5. TEDC Economic Excellence Award
6. 921 Main Street
7. Opportunity Austin

3.9. **Requests from Board of Directors for future agenda items.** There were no requests for future agenda items.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

4.1. At 6:57 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors met in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, to discuss the following:

1. **Section 551.072** – Deliberation about the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property: 921 Main Street, Good Soul Brewing Company, Projects ‘Sinkhole’, ‘Hot Tamale’, ‘Good Neighbor’, and/or ‘Minerals’.

2. **Section 551.087** – Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations: Projects ‘Be Well’ and/or ‘Minerals’.

4.2. At 7:30 p.m., the Bastrop EDC Board of Directors reconvened into open session to discuss, consider and/or take any action necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein. No further action was taken.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Board Vice-Chair Kristi Koch adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.