

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) and
TAYLOR MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

4:30 pm April 15, 2015
City Hall, 400 Porter, Taylor TX

The General Meeting of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Taylor Main Street Board was held on April 15, 2015 at City Hall.

Board Members Present:

Jan Konarik
Brent Humphreys
Don Williams
Nell Steger
Bobby Seiferman
Joe Burgess
Miguel Espitia, Jr.
Megan Randig

Board Members Absent:

Steve Truex
Tiffany Shadd
Irene Michna

Also present:

Deby Lannen (Main Street Manager)
Isaac Turner (City Manager)
Bob vanTil
Arnold Cuba

TIF Members Present:

Bill Mikulencak
Ed Komandosky

Call to Order

Brent Humphreys called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded with business addressing the Tax Increment Financing item first.

Bob vanTil gave an overview of the request for TIF funds from Taylor Iron Machine Works. The request was in the amount of \$41,000 for a fire suppression sprinkler system in the 10,400 sq. ft. expansion located on Oak Street. Staff felt that the sprinkler system would add a tangible asset to the company that would benefit not only the company but the community as a whole. Question was raised by the business owner Arnold Cuba if the City supplied the tap and Bob vanTil indicated that they did. Bobby Seiferman made the motion to support the request for Council review. Bill Mikulencak seconded and the motion carried with no opposition.

Joe Burgess then asked Mr. Cuba to give the group a little information on the business. Mr. Cuba indicated the building was built in 1912 and he had worked there 40+ years. He also indicated they did metal fabrication. Isaac Turner commented that the City was wanting to help. Ed Komandosky asked if there was an avenue of appeal in granting variances and Bob vanTil indicated that the request could be taken to the Board of Appeals if so desired. Mr. Komandosky also asked if the applicant was aware of this process. Mr. Cuba indicated that he had inquired about it and was told that it would have to be taken to the Council or vote and he was staying with his decision to proceed as he had. However, he indicated he knew of three businesses that did not come to Taylor because of the sprinkler system rules.

Don Williams asked if the Main Street Advisory Board and TIF Board could lobby to not have the sprinkler system regulations or to have them be more lenient. Deby Lannen indicated she felt it was best not to have Boards questioning City staff. Joe Burgess expressed the need to encourage others to use the appeal process.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was submitted for approval.

Bobby Seiferman motioned to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Miguel Espitia, Jr. – Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Manager's Report: Deby Lannen gave the Main Street manager's report and explained to the group how the filming works in Taylor. We have had several groups visit lately regarding filming and they have been pleased working with Taylor.

Items brought up to the Board were G21 Car Club sponsoring the 4th Sunday car show (Coffee and Cars) at the old Walmart parking each 4th Sunday of the month beginning April 26th. Grace Community Outreach is focusing on reaching out to the homeless if anyone is interested in volunteering. Miguel Espitia commented on how Taylor is a very helping community and Don Williams agreed as he was helped with he arrived here from Katrina.

Cinderella's Closet was also discussed and how it is helping young girls have the things they need to attend proms. Joe Burgess and Don Williams brought up that they would like to include that applicants must visit with Small Business Development Corp. (SBDC) and also that nor-profits are not eligible for rental assistance. These items will be brought back to the Board for vote.

The question was also asked if we could get pdfs of shoots to be used on social media. Deby Lannen will check into this.

Adjournment at 5:30 pm for Main Street Advisory Board members to attend the Downtown Master Plan presentation at the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager