

WOODBURY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FEBRUARY 8, 2021

PRESENT: Steve Ledbetter, Kera Summers, Terry Malone, Kena Kendrick, and Pinky Elliott. The group welcomed Kelly Grits, the new director of the Main Street project.

AGENDA: Approved.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved: Kelly was asked to record the minutes going forward.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Ledbetter was asked to remind Switch and Grind and Phoenix about the rent payments.

Kim and Mike at the Pizzeria are hoping to open by the end of the month and have been urged to contact Carolyn Mc Kinley to do a Grand Opening for them, knowing that they must be chamber members in order to get that treatment.

Doug Matthews and Alan Kendricks, who are doing the demolition of the old city hall, are now asking to buy a portion of the building for a restaurant. The money, \$28,000, for the demolition will be paid by the city, so that money will have to go back to the city before we can receive any of the proceeds from the sale.

Mayor Ledbetter was asked to get prices for other improvements to the 1911 Building.

Kelly then gave an excellent talk to the board and the large audience at the meeting. The talk and the following discussion centered around the question of "Why do we believe in Woodbury?"

Mayor Ledbetter then discussed the traffic issues in downtown.

1. Truck traffic going through downtown means all those drivers who watch our city grow can go home and talk to their families and hopefully bring them back to visit or better yet to live!
2. If the city, which has been working on this for two years, can get the historic preservation designation, we can get the speed limit lowered to 25 mph.

Mayor Ledbetter then discussed the Service Delivery Strategy of the Department of Community Affairs. The County Commissioners and other cities must revise their SDS or no funds from the D of C A will be approved.

The Community Development Block Grant application was denied, but we can submit again. It must be strong in its SDS, and it must read well. The grant proposal is due by the first of June.

At this time a new business led by Charlsy Godowns was introduced. Mrs. Godowns, along with her mother and aunt, are buying the old fire station in order to start a General Store on that location.

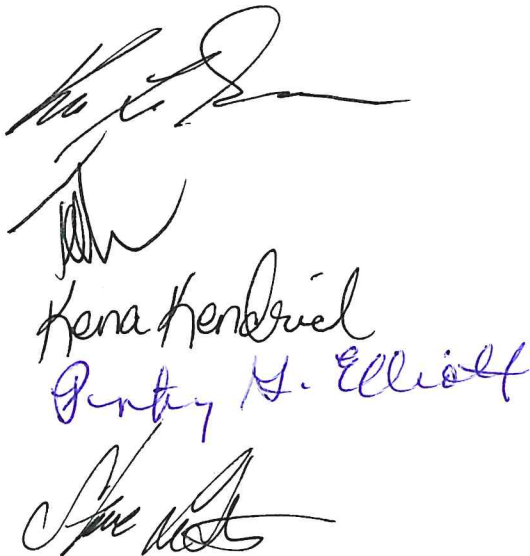
Then Michelle, the owner of Resurrect Antiques, was introduced. She has purchased the old tire store and leased the old cotton warehouse. Her ideas include décor, clothes, antiques, and an event center for these properties.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY :

Jonell Carol Minefee of Solar Tyme USA was introduced, and she gave a video presentation of the benefits of solar production. The IDA approved a Lease to Purchase agreement of thirteen plus acres in the industrial park to Ms. Minefee's company. Mr. Mike McDaniel, who has the real estate contract for the IDA, and Mrs. Summers will work out the details of this lease.

A Zoom Meeting for the Capital Improvement Plan will be 3:00 on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

MEETING ADJOURNED.s



Kena Kendrick
Dorothy M. Elliott