

WOODBURY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CALLED MEETING JUNE 29, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Ledbetter, Kera Summers, Kena Kendricks, Terry Malone, and Pinky Elliott

The minutes from the regular and called meetings and the treasurer's report were approved.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

OLD BUSINESS: The group listened to the discussion about the lack of drainage around the new landscaping on the west side of the 1911 Building. Mrs. Summers will check with Doug Matthews for his suggestions. Also, the supplier hopes to have the new awnings up by Friday, July 2, in time for the new garden dedication. There has been a delay because the fabric had to be ordered from a different supplier.

There are three groups who are interested in purchasing the 1911 Building. The group discussed the conditions under which the DDA would entertain selling this building along with the price. The mayor informed the group that the DDA has about \$480,000 in the building at this time.

The maintenance projects that need to be done immediately for the building are putting in more air conditioning and the repair of the supporting piers of the building.

When asked about the progress of the old fire station and the purchase of the bike racks, Mayor Ledbetter said that he would look into both of these issues.

Mayor Ledbetter also gave a report on the progress of the Innovation Center. On June 29, 2021, Jeff Evans from Georgia Tech was again in town to discuss his ideas for the use of the old Georgia E. Washington Elementary.

Some of his ideas are as follows: 1. The Innovation Center venture should include stakeholders from Meriwether and Pike Counties as well as the cities of Molena, Concord, and Woodbury, specifically including internet usage for all these people.

2. The development of agricultural technology should be a large part of the picture. 3. The use of Azmuth as the grant writers for the project was suggested.

NEW BUSINESS: The mayor reported that the old city hall and shop complex will now be a Mexican restaurant and include a back patio and street scape in front of the building for outdoor seating.

Mrs. Summers asked for a motion to clarify rules as to how the DDA accepts bids on work to be done. The decision was to try to get three bids and then follow the same guidelines that the city uses about accepting bids. We do retain the right to refuse bids.

This will be the guideline to follow for a new AC unit for Paparella's Pizza. With the heat this summer, this work needs to be done ASAP.

The contractors will try to just fix the AC at Switch and Grind and wait until August for new units.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The new veterinarian office will officially be open for business on 14 July and accepting appointments after the Fourth of July. Mayor Ledbetter will contact Carolyn McKinley as to the membership status and the grand opening plans.

East Point Equipment has purchased more land and is expanding on the south side of town.

MEETING ADJOURNED.






