



**CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS  
ALEDO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER  
104 ROBINSON COURT  
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Nick Stanley called the Aledo Economic Development Corporation regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2023 at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas, 76008. Also in attendance at this meeting were: Director Ryan Merrill, Director Randy Keck, Director Spencer Perry, Director Kim Hiebert and new member Garhett Gordon. Director Ryan Merrill and Jason Needham were not present for this meeting having given prior notice of their absence

City Staff members present were City Manager Noah Simon, City Secretary Deana McMullen.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Minutes from August 25, 2022

**Motion was made by Director Spencer Perry, seconded by Director Randy Keck to approve the minutes from August 25, 2022 as presented.**

**Motion carried 4-0**

**3. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion and possible action on monthly meetings, AEDC education and AEDC activities.

President Nick Stanley addressed the AEDC Board stating that he would like for the AEDC Board to meet more often. Maybe have a meeting that is just a White Board Session to discuss topics to help the AEDC succeed. Some topics might be How to we utilize the AEDC Board to find businesses that are a good fit for

Aledo. Also discuss topics about Incentives, TIRZ/380 Agreements. What direction do we want to go and what is the Mission for us as a Board. Define our purpose and come up with the tools to accomplish this.

The City Council adopted an MOU with the Library to discuss financing and governance. 2 additional members have been appointed to the Library Board, the City Manager and one Councilmember. One question is: Could EDC funds be used in regards to the Library Board.

President Stanley said he just wanted to reach out to facilitate discussions and reposition the AEDC for the future growth we know is coming.

**There was no action on this item.**

- b. Discussion and designation of AEDC point person for conversations on Aledo economic activity.

There was discussion about appointing an AEDC Board members that would be able to meet with City Manager Noah Simon and Mayor Nick Stanley when there are meetings with potential developers coming into Aledo. This would provide for a level of representation of the AEDC.

**Motion was made by Director Gordon Garhett, seconded by Director Kimberly Hiebert to nominate Director Spencer Perry to the the AEDC point person for conversations on Aledo Economic Activity.**

**Motion carried 3-0**

- c. Discussion and action to recommend adding alternates to the Aledo Economic Development Corporation.

City Manager Noah Simon informed the AEDC Board that City Council will consider approval of a Resolution that would allow AEDC to appoint up to 4 Alternate Board members. They would be invited to the meetings but would not vote on anything unless one of the regular board members were out for the night. Your input is needed. Please share this information with your friends. Think about who you would like to see serving on the AEDC Board.

**Motion was made by Director Randy Keck, seconded by Director Gordon Garhett to approve the recommendation for four (4) alternate board members for Aledo Economic Development commission.**

**Motion carried 4-0**

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene in executive session to deliberate regarding the following matters:

- a. **§ 551.087. Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**  
The EDC Board may convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the Board has received from a business prospect that the Board seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the Board is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including the following items:

- Possible Economic Incentives for new businesses.

President Nick Stanley adjourned the regular meeting into an Executive Session to have discussion under 551.87; Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance of this meeting were President Nick Stanley, Director Kimberly Hiebert, Director Randy Keck, Director Gordon Garhett, Director Spencer Perry, City Manager Noah Simon and City Secretary Deana McMullen.

## **5. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Following the Executive session President Nick Stanley called the regular session back to order at 7:20 pm.

## **6. TAKE ANY ACTION, IF NEEDED, FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion was made by Director Spencer Perry, seconded by Director Randy Keck to approve the Incentive agreement and for City Manager Noah Simon to move forward with the proposal of incentives of \$73,000 and this would be a separate agreement than the \$250,000 incentive.**

**Motion carried 4-0**

## **7. AEDC MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS**

**(In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, AEDC members may comment on routine city matters may ask questions of staff that require only responses of factual information or statements of existing city policy or may request that non-routine matters of public concern be placed in a future agenda. AEDC members may not discuss non-agenda items among themselves. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, city staff members may comment on routine city operations and projects. Staff members may respond to questions from others only with statements of factual information or existing city policy.**

**Director Randy Keck commented about the East Parker Chamber of Commerce, the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce and the Parker County EDC Commission.**

He said it seems that they have lost their way and this gives us an opportunity to go and talk to potential businesses.

8. ADJOURN

With there being nothing further to discuss or consider President Nick Stanley adjourned this regular meeting of the Aledo Economic Development Corporation at 7:30 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2023.

  
Nick Stanley, President



  
Deana McMullen, City Secretary