

WOODBURY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

June 11, 2018

The Woodbury Development Authority met on June 11, 2018, at 6:00 in the new municipal complex. Julie Dawson, Daffanee Ledbetter, Kera Summers, Pinky Elliott, and Steve Ledbetter attended the meeting and approved the minutes of the May meeting. As approved earlier the group discussed business pertaining to the downtown development authority before going to business relating to the industrial authority.

Mayor Ledbetter informed the authority of his efforts to attract a doctors' group to locate inside the city. This group would bring a PA or NP in office space either on the west end of town or the building near the post office. This would be an urgent care facility with as many as four or five staff positions. The authority voted to ask Mayor Ledbetter to continue talks with the health care people and to contact Mrs. Corrine Thompson about funding through the Department of Community Affairs. Another change coming to downtown will be the purchase of Thompson Gas by Smoky Mountain Gas.

A real estate developer is interested in helping us develop downtown by securing office space for his realty group, securing some of the classic brick buildings, and refurbishing them to be used as ground floor retail space and upstairs loft apartments. The group approved this idea and asked the mayor to continue to follow this lead. We are also mindful that with this growth comes the need for more parking.

Our newest retail business, Boss Hoss Cycles, will hold its grand opening on Saturday, 30 June. We became aware after discussing this opening that we need a way to contact people about events. The group decided to secure an email address for the development authority. We will address this at the next meeting.

Moving next to the industrial development authority issues, the group was given details of a new business, which wished to locate in the industrial park. This is a metal fabricating business similar to Custom Works, which is already located in the park. This business is already operating in another location and needs more space, which we have in the park. WDA voted for Mayor Ledbetter to meet with this group again about buying the 13 acres we have available in the park.

Understanding that if this business buys our remaining acres there will be a need to expand the park, Mayor Ledbetter has been in touch with surrounding land owners about the possibility of buying more acres to enlarge the park. Any expansion of the

park will precipitate the need to expand the infrastructure of the park including roads, water, and sewer lines. With this in mind, the mayor was encouraged to proceed with all haste to acquire land and improve infrastructure.

Another two new parcels of land on the west side of the city can possibly be purchased for housing and/or industry. The problem with one parcel is that it might have to be annexed into the city proper.

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