

## Woodbury Development Authority

August 13, 2018

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At 6:00 p. m. on Thursday in the city complex the following members attended the August meeting:

Chairman, Kera Summers, Steve Ledbetter, Daffanee Ledbetter, Everett Carter, Pinky Elliott, and Julie Dawson. The special meeting minutes in July were read and approved as corrected. The called meeting minutes of the executive session dealing with real estate matters were approved.

Mrs. Summers choose to begin the August meeting by discussing downtown business. The old Woodbury bank complex including the Thompson Gas building has been appraised at \$170,000. Mr. Ledbetter asked for volunteers to work with the Community Affairs Department of the State of Georgia led by regional director Corinne Thompson. Kera Summers agreed to lead this project and Pinky Elliott will help as needed. This idea was approved.

Mr. Ledbetter proposed that the city council of Woodbury be asked to give all currently owned city property, which is no longer being used, to the Development Authority, so it can be marketed. The city, according to the mayor and the city attorney, no longer needs to be in the real estate business. The Development Authority agrees with this idea because, as we all learned in our required classes about authorities, city owned property cannot qualify for loans from the state and is not on the tax digest. Our authority asked that the mayor bring this idea up at the next city work session.

The Downtown Authority also asked Kera to find a broker to do a search on the old Carroll property to find the current owner of the property. This idea was also approved.

Moving on to Industrial Authority business, the members discussed the idea of developing land on the southwest side of town as a new site for industry because the owners of new land next to the current park seem to be unwilling to go forward with a sale of land to the Authority. This idea was approved, and Kera will seek new land and owners.

We were informed that thirty acres of land, which the city already owns on the southwest side of town, can perhaps be the starting point for this new park area. Some discussion for use of this land is an ongoing project with the city council.

After these discussions, the board voted to adjourn with each member approving this idea.