

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation
Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2019

Weatherford City Hall – 522 W. Rainey – Weatherford, OK 73096

- Call to order – Chairman Barbara Jones called the meeting to order at 7:02am
- Attendance – Please see the attached sign-in sheet for attendance, Special guests Were recognized and introduced
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurers Report – The WAEDF financial information was provided. Funds in reserve total \$84,539.20 as of June 30, 2019.
- Update on Economic Development – Yolanda Creswell reported the following:
 - Current projects in the works: Home 2 Suites to build hotel west of Tractor Supply, Taco Bell under construction, behind the scenes work on Lyle Road, Exit 82 will start accepting bids in September, ASAP General Store breaking ground south of interstate.
 - Rt 66 Nights is returning August 9th with a Back to School theme. Next slated date is September 13th.
 - Mid Year/Business Meeting for First Responders approaching, asking for business items to put in promotional/thank you bags.
 - Toured Red Rock building currently under construction, targeted opening for November
 - Continued work on Rt 66 membership, MODA grant (grant proposed for Heritage park improvements)
 - Annexation Meeting before City Council July 30th, 4pm
 - Community (VISION) meeting set for July 23rd, 6:30pm @ Pioneer Center
- Update from Mayor Mike Brown:
 - The old Kentucky Fried Chicken building was approved for improvement, unsure at this time what will take its place.
 - Sales Tax drop was not a surprise, anticipating another few more drops in the future, but still expecting to be up overall.
 - Mayor Brown asked Deb Howe from WRH to share updates – Oncology unit up and running, relocated Specialty Clinics and relocated Convenient Care.
- Special Presentation – Randy Beutler, 17th President of SWOSU
 - Complete and thorough update on the status of SWOSU. Ranked 14th nationally for accreditation programs. Ranked very high by US News & World Report – leading in online programs.
 - Pioneer Cellular Events Center has estimated to have exceeded an 8 million dollar impact on the community thus far.
 - Received more state funding for faculty pay and also fully funded concurrent enrollment
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Hanson, Secretary