

Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2019

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

- Call to order-Chairman Barbara Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00am
- Attendance-Please see the attached sign-in sheet for attendees, Special guest was Gerald Green, Clinton Daily News
- Approval of Minutes-Minutes of the meeting on July 10, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Presentation of Treasurers Report-No changes since last month and was unanimously approved.
- Update on Economic Development-Yolanda Creswell reported the following:
 - Sales tax up 7.33%
 - Taco Bell quickly moving along-should open in September
 - T-Mobile will open soon
 - Lyle Road-on track, start in October
 - Exit 82 (phase 3)-moved from Sept to October
 - MODA Grant-\$22,727- \$17,777 City of Weatherford for Heritage Park. This money will be used for playground equipment, dog park, etc. \$5,000 will go to SWOSU Leadership Weatherford.
 - Leadership Weatherford will meet September 23 at 6:30pm at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center
 - Many thanks to PSO for allowing me to attend the Stand Up for Rural America Conference in Tulsa.
 - Yolanda Creswell will be attending The Governor's Economic Development and Workforce Summit on August 11-13 at Hilton Garden and Inn Conference Center in Edmond, OK.
 - Community Coffee at PSO this Thursday, Aug. 8 at 9:30am
 - First (of three) Route 66 night this Friday. Downtown stores will open beginning at 6pm. Other two will be in Sept & Oct.
- Update from Mayor Brown:
 - Planning Committee meet Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30pm

- Presentation-Allie James, Senior Analyst of Renewable Development for Invenergy
 - Located in Custer and Blaine Counties
 - 300+ landowners involved
 - 100,000 acres under lease
 - Commercial Operations Date (COD) in late 2021
 - 200-350 jobs supported during construction
 - Support local education, emergency and veteran services, and environmental stewardship
 - Opening project office located at 1401 Lera Drive, Suite 8, in Weatherford
 - Landowner & stakeholder meetings held regularly throughout development
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Gore-in absence of Deb Hanson, Secretary