

**MINUTES OF THE  
KEENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
(TYPE A EDC) REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

**PRESENT:** *Don Beeson Sr., Carl Wright, Wes Schram, Samantha Gillin, and Cody Thornton*

**ABSENT:** *None.*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

- *Brent Batla – City Manager*
- *Don Martin – Assistant City Manager*
- *Charles Williams – Finance Director*
- *Tabatha Mansell – City Secretary*

**CALLED TO ORDER:** *Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.*

**Invocation – Board President Beeson Sr.**

**Pledge of Allegiance – Board Member Wright led.**

1. *President's Remarks – Recognized Mayor Pro Tem Belz, Spoke on selling Industrial Park to use resources in developing 318, Type A & B boards working together.*
2. *City's Administration Remarks – City Manager Brent Batla and Assistant City Manager Don Martin updated the board on new projects, developer deals, and table bond.*
3. *Citizens Comments – None.*
4. *Consider approval of the Keene Type A EDC minutes for June 21, 2023.*

*Board Member Gillin moved to approve the Keene Type A EDC minutes for June 21, 2023, seconded by Board Member Schram.*

*Motion passed 4-0-1.*

- *Board Member Wright abstained.*

5. *Consider approval of the financial statement ending June 30, 2023.*

*Finance Director Charles Williams briefed the board on the financial statement.*

*Board Member Thornton moved to approve the financial statement ending June 30, 2023, seconded by Board Member Gillin.*

*Motion passed unanimously 5-0-0.*

6. *Workshop*
  - *Assistant City Manager Don Martin presented a membership with Johnson County Economic Development Corporation for \$4,000. Board Members requested a line item for the membership.*
  - *Board Members requested a line item for a full-time employee for park mowing and maintenance.*
  - *Discussed sewer treatment plant expansion finance options.*

7. *Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (real property), 551.073 (prospective gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (security matters), 551.087 (economic development). Executive Session may be held, under these exceptions, at the end of the Regular Session, Workshop and/or Special Session, or at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the Board to seek advice from the City Attorney as to the posted subject matter of this Meeting.*

*No Executive Session.*

8. *Reconvene into open session for possible action resulting from any item posted discussed in executive session.*

9. *Request for future agenda items.*

- *Request for Type A and B Board working together on possible projects.*
- *Research into adding additional workspace and parking for the Fire Department and Police Department.*
- *Research the cost of a full-time employee plus one more Development Services employee*
- *Research a possible joint venture with the City to purchase a new tractor and side mower.*
- *A \$4,000 membership fee for Johnson County Economic Development Corporation.*

10. *Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.*

By:   
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Don Beeson Sr., Board President

Attest:   
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Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary