

**MINUTES OF THE  
KEENE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
(TYPE B EDC) REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Ricky Stephens, Troy Smith, Donnie Beeson, Cheryl Schram, and Charles Easley.

**ABSENT:** Aaron Moses and Victoriano Parilla.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

- *Don Martin – Assistant City Manager*
- *Tabatha Mansell – City Secretary*
- *Charles Williams – Finance Director*
- *Nathan Drambareanu – Human Resource Director*

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 3:33 p.m.

*Invocation – None.*

*Pledge of Allegiance – None.*

1. President's Remarks – *None.*
2. City Administration Remarks – *Assistant City Manager Don Martin updated the board on the following development updates: Alsup, Tractor Supply, Dollar General, and O'Reilly.*
3. Citizen Comments – *Board Member Cheryl Schram spoke in place of Paul Gnad of the board sponsoring the Chamber of Commerce banquet for \$750.00 and a table for \$350.00.*
4. Consider approval of the Keene Type B EDC minutes dated August 15, 2023.  
*Board Member Beeson moved to approve the Keene Type B EDC minutes dated August 15, 2023, seconded by Board Member Schram.*  
*Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0 (Board Members Moses and Parilla absent).*
5. Consider approval of the Keene Type B EDC financial statement ending August 31, 2023.  
*Finance Director Charles Williams briefed the board on the financial statement.*  
*Board Members Beeson and Smith spoke on this topic.*  
*Board Member Beeson moved to approve the Keene Type B EDC financial statement ending August 31, 2023, seconded by Board Member Smith.*  
*Motion passed unanimously 4-0-0 (Board Members Moses and Parilla absent).*
6. Discussion and give staff direction regarding Pickle Ball Court.  
*Assistant City Manager Don Martin presented the board with a quote for a pickle ball court.*  
*Board Member Stephens spoke on this topic.*  
*Board Member Smith spoke on this topic.*  
*Board Member Beeson spoke on this topic.*  
*Board Member Schram spoke on this topic.*  
*Human Resource Director Nathan Drambareanu spoke on this topic.*  
*Board Members gave staff directions to move forward with the process, receive more quotes, and gather lighting 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.

8. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted discussed in Executive Session.

*No Executive Session was held.*

9. Request for future agenda items.

- *Pickle Ball Court update on progress.*
- *Community Sidewalk Master Plan. How can A and B Boards work together on this.*
- *Sidewalk grant options.*
- *Quotes to bring the parks up to date.*

10. Adjourned at 3:51pm.

*Board Member Smith approved a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Schram.*

*Motion passed 4-0-0 (Board Members Moses and Parilla absent).*

By: Aaron Moses  
~~Ricky Stephens, Board President~~  
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Attest: Tabatha Mansell  
Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary