BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2021

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:05 a.m., Thursday, January 28, 2021, at the Kenton R. Treat Conference Room, Wes Fowler NWAEDD Plaza, 818 Highway 62-65-412 North, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County (Video)

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County (Video) Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista (Video) Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge (Video)

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison (Video)

Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville (Video) Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs (Video)

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County Nancy Marsh, Huntsville (Video)

Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County (Video) Neal Gibson, Western Grove (Video) Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper (Video)

Searcy County

Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County (Video) Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall (Video) Mr. Woodie Methvin, St. Joe (Conference Call) Minutes of Meeting January 28, 2021 Page -2-

Washington County

Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County (Video) Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale (Video) Steve Clark, Fayetteville (Video)

Board Members absent were:

Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County Mr. Bill Witty, Harrison Judge Sam Barr, Carroll County Mr. David Pemberton, Huntsville Judge John Massey, Marion County Mr. Layton Lee, Yellville

Guests present were:

Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton (Video) Teri Garrett, Field Representative for Congressman Womack (Video) Hannah Henderson, Field Representative for Senator Boozman (Video) Chris Hoover, Field Representative for Senator Cotton (Video) Kelsey Kelton, AEDC (Video) Joe Willis, NWAEDD Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD Libby Robinson, NWAEDD Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD Patty Methvin, NWAEDD Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD (Video) Jack Chisum, NWAEDD Catherine Baker, NWAEDD (Video) Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD (Video) Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD (Video) Taff Grice, NWAEDD (Video) Pam Schubert, NWAEDD (Video)

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the December 16, 2020, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Tim McKinney and seconded by Judge Mickey Pendergrass.

Next was the review of the district financial reports for November 30, 2020. Executive Director Joe Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mr. Neal Gibson and seconded by Mayor Doug Sprouse and the motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Weaver opened the next item of business was which Resolution No. 3088 authorizing the Executive Director and Deputy Director to apply for a rural business development opportunity grant through USDA-Rural Development for the purpose of providing retail academies for communities that are within NWAEDD's legal jurisdiction and that would better enable those communities to attract retain opportunities. A motion to approve Resolution No. 3088 was made by Mr. Woodie Methvin and seconded by Mayor Peter Christie and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Weaver stated that the next item of business was for a motion to amend the employee handbook to authorize the Chairman on behalf of the Board to review and approve the executive director's timesheets and travel expense reports. This motion was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mayor Butch Berry. Motion carried without dissent.

Next, Executive Director Willis shared some comments on the District's efforts related to staffing during the pandemic.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. on a motion by Mayor Sprouse and seconded by Judge Pendergrass. The motion carried unanimously.

Jank Neaver Date: 4/21/2021
Chairman

Date: 4/21/2021

Date: 4-23-21

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

APRIL 21, 2021

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:07 a.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

Executive Director Joe Willis called roll. The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County (Video) Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County (Video) Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista (Video) Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge (Video)

Boone County

Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County (Video) Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville (Video) Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs (Video)

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County

Marion County

Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville Mr. Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County Neal Gibson, Western Grove

Searcy County

Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall (Video) Mr. Woodie Methvin, St. Joe (Video) Minutes of Meeting April 21, 2021 Page -2-

Washington County

Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale

Board Members absent were:

Mr. Bill Witty, Harrison
Judge Sam Barr, Carroll County
Mr. David Pemberton, Huntsville
Judge John Massey, Marion County
Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper
Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County
Mr. Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Guests present were:

Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville (Video)

Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton (Video)

Anna McKinney, Springdale

Colby Fulfer, Springdale

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, Siloam Springs (Video)

Danielle Pugsley, Mountain Home

Mirielle Burgoyne, NADO (Video)

Joe McKinney, NADO (Video)

Terry Horton, FTN Associates (Video)

Tyler Jensen, Boone County (Video)

Stetson Painter, Field Representative for Congressman Crawford

Teri Garrett, Field Representative for Congressman Womack

Hannah Henderson, Field Representative for Senator Boozman

Chris Hoover, Field Representative for Senator Cotton

Tim Wooldridge, ADFA

Kelsey Kelton, AEDC (Video)

Gwen Hoffman (Video)

Morgan Shloz, Startup Junkie (Video)

Joe Willis, NWAEDD

Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD

Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD

Patty Methvin, NWAEDD

Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD

Jack Chisum, NWAEDD

Catherine Baker, NWAEDD

Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD (Video)

Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD (Video)

Taff Grice, NWAEDD (Video)

Pam Schubert, NWAEDD (Video)

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Susan Sangren, NWAEDD James Moss, NWAEDD (Video) Karen Henry, NWAEDD (Video)

The first order of business was the approval of minutes of the January 28, 2021, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Judge Warren Campbell and seconded by Mayor Doug Sprouse.

The next item of business was the nomination to fill the board vacancy for Baxter County by letter from Judge Mickey Pendergrass to nominate Ms. Danielle Pugsley, President/CEO of the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Judge Joseph Wood and seconded by Mr. Neal Gibson to fill the vacancy in Baxter County with Ms. Danielle Pugsley and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was the review of the district financial reports for February 28, 2021. Executive Director Joe Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mayor Sprouse and seconded by Judge Wood and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2021 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

A presentation was made by Mr. Joe McKinney and Ms. Mirielle Burgoyne of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) regarding the American Rescue Plan Act and how to use the available \$1.9 trillion in recovery funds to strategically address gaps in COVID response as well as short and long-term recovery initiatives.

Next, Mr. Jeremy Ragland, Deputy Director and Community and Economic Development Director, Mr. Jack Chisum, North Arkansas Transportation Service (NATS) Director, as well as Ms. Patty Methvin, WIOA Administrative Director, provided reports on their respective divisions.

In the Executive Director's report, Mr. Willis asked the board members to think about what time they would prefer to have the board meetings. He also mentioned that Economic Development Week was upcoming, discussed the prospect for a continuation of the Community Assistance Grant program, and various other topics in his address to the members.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. on a motion by Mayor Sprouse and seconded by Mayor Shawn Lane. The motion carried unanimously.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

JULY 21, 2021

Vice-Chairman Doug Sprouse called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:22 a.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

Executive Director Joe Willis called roll. The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home (Video)

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs

Madison County

Nancy Marsh, Huntsville Brandi Holt, Huntsville

Marion County

Judge John Massey, Marion County Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper Neal Gibson, Western Grove Minutes of Meeting July 21, 2021 Page -2-

Searcy County

Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County (Video) Woodie Methvin, St. Joe (Video)

Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Board Members absent were:

Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County Bill Witty, Harrison Judge Sam Barr, Carroll County Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County

Lindal Grom, St. Paul Council Member

Guests present were:

Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton (Video) Mayor Nina Selz, St. Paul John Thurston, Secretary of State Kevin Niehaus, Secretary of State Kelsey Kelton, AEDC (Video) Rick Massengale, President, NAC Don Sugg, Interim President, NAC (Video) Jim Fram (Video) Ashley Farrar (Video) John Evans, Landmark CPA's Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce Phillip Patterson, Siloam Springs City Administrator Morgan Scholz, Consultant, Startup Junkie Foundation (Video) Teri Garrett, Field Representative for Congressman Womack Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Senator Boozman Hannah Henderson, Field Representative for Senator Boozman Chris Hoover, Field Representative for Senator Cotton Charles Landrum, Field Representative for Congress Crawford (Video) John Dyess, Workforce Board Member (Video) Ross Parker, Workforce Board Member Bob Largent, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Joe Willis, NWAEDD Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD Libby Robinson, NWAEDD Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD Patty Methvin, NWAEDD Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD Catherine Baker, NWAEDD Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD Pam Schubert, NWAEDD (Video) Michelle Ryan, NWAEDD Julie Smith, NWAEDD Susan Sangren, NWAEDD Karen Henry, NWAEDD April Turner, NWAEDD James Moss, NWAEDD Carole Shaver, NWAEDD Melba Miller, NWAEDD Chris Kellem, NWAEDD Lorie McMaster, NWAEDD

The first order of business was election of 2021 Officers. Mayor Shawn Lane made a motion to approve the slate of current officers. The motion was seconded by Judge Mickey Pendergrass. Motion carried.

Next was the approval of minutes of the April 21, 2021, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Lane and seconded by Mayor Tim McKinney.

The review of the district financial reports for May 31, 2021 was made. Director Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Judge Pendergrass and seconded by Mayor McKinney and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2021 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

Guest Speaker John Thurston, Secretary of State, gave an update on the November 2020 election and stated that it went really well during the pandemic and discussed the Redistricting of the Senate and Representative Districts. They are waiting on the 2020 Census data so the members can begin drawing the lines. There will be seven meetings across the state - Mountain Home on August 3rd, Bentonville on August 5th, and Fort Smith on August 17th to discuss the concerns of the redistricting.

Vice-Chairman Sprouse stated that the Audit Committee held a meeting on July 24, 2021. Mr. John Evans, Landmark CPA's gave an overview of the 2020 Audit. He stated that there were no findings. A motion was made by Mayor Robert Berry to approve the 2020 Audit and seconded by Mayor Jackie Crabtree and the motion carried unanimously.

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The next order of business was the approval of the executive committee minutes of the December 9, 2020, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Judge Barry Moehring and seconded by Mayor McKinney.

In the Executive Director's report, Mr. Willis discussed the American Rescue Plan, update on EDA funding, and disallowed costs from monitoring report findings.

Next, Jeremy Ragland, Deputy Director and Community and Economic Development Director, provided reports on the upcoming Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) the Summer of 2022 at the Jasper and Kingston Campuses. He stated that we are finishing up the EDA Robotics' Program in Fayetteville - there have been a total of 146 participants go through the program to date.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. on a motion by Mayor McKinney and seconded by Mr. Neal Gibson. The motion carried unanimously.

Date: 10-27-2021

William With Date: 10-27-2021

ANNUAL MEETING

OF

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 21, 2021

Vice-Chairman Doug Sprouse welcomed and called to order the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 10:13 a.m., Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at the John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center – South Campus, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County Mayor Jeff Braim, Gassville Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home (Video)

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton (Video) Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs

Madison County

Mayor Nina Selz, St. Paul Nancy Marsh, Hutsville

Marion County

Judge John Massey, Marion County Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville Mr. Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper Neal Gibson, Western Grove Minutes of Meeting July 21, 2021 Page -2-

Searcy County

Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County (Video) Mr. Woodie Methvin, St. Joe (Video)

Washington County

Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale Steve Clark, Fayetteville

Guests present were:

John Thurston, Secretary of State

Kevin Niehaus, Secretary of State

Rick Massengale, President, NAC

Don Sugg, Interim President, NAC (Video)

Brandi Holt, Huntsville

Jim Fram (Video)

Ashley Farrar (Video)

John Evans, Landmark CPA's

Arthur Hulbert, Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce

Phillip Patterson, Siloam Springs City Administrator

Kelsey Kelton, AEDC (Video)

Morgan Scholz, Consultant, Startup Junkie Foundation (Video)

Teri Garrett, Field Representative for Congressman Womack

Elijah Snow, Field Representative for Senator Boozman

Hannah Henderson, Field Representative for Senator Boozman

Chris Hoover, Field Representative for Senator Cotton

Charles Landrum, Field Representative for Congressman Crawford (Video)

John Dyess, Workforce Board Member (Video)

Ross Parker, Workforce Board Member

Bob Largent, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce

Lindal Grom, St. Paul Council Member

Joe Willis, NWAEDD

Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD

Libby Robinson, NWAEDD

Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD

Patty Methvin, NWAEDD

Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD

Susan Sangren, NWAEDD

Catherine Baker, NWAEDD

Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD

Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD

Pam Schubert, NWAEDD (Video)

Michelle Ryan, NWAEDD

Julie Smith, NWAEDD

Karen Henry, NWAEDD

PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

BAXTER COUNTY

Ms. Danielle Pugsley

BOONE COUNTY

Mr. Bill Witty

MADISON COUNTY

Ms. Nancy Marsh

Ms. Brandi Holt

(July 21, 2021 Nominee)

MARION COUNTY

Mr. Layton Lee

NEWTON COUNTY

Mr. Neal Gibson

SEARCY COUNTY

Mr. Woodie Methvin

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Steve Clark

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021

BAXTER COUNTY

Judge Mickey Pendergrass Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home Ms. Danielle Pugsley

BENTON COUNTY

Judge Barry Moehring Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

BOONE COUNTY

Judge Robert Hathaway Mayor Jerry Jackson Mr. Bill Witty

CARROLL COUNTY

Judge Sam Barr Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville Mayor Robert Berry, Eureka Springs

MADISON COUNTY

Judge Frank Weaver Ms. Nancy Marsh VACANCY

MARION COUNTY

Judge John Massey Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville Mr. Layton Lee

NEWTON COUNTY

Judge Warren Campbell Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper Mr. Neal Gibson

SEARCY COUNTY

Judge Jim Harness Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall Mr. Woodie Methvin

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Judge Joseph Wood Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale Mr. Steve Clark Minutes of Meeting July 21, 2021 Page -3-

April Turner, NWAEDD James Moss, NWAEDD Carole Shaver, NWAEDD Melba Miller, NWAEDD Chris Kellem, NWAEDD Lorie McMaster, NWAEDD

Vice-Chairman Sprouse said the first item of business was the nomination and election of Private Sector Representatives to the Board of Directors. A list of nominees was presented with the addition of Ms. Brandi Holt. A motion was made by Mayor Shawn Lane and seconded by Mayor Tim McKinney. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting were presented and approved on a motion by Mayor Jackie Crabtree and seconded by Mayor Lane.

Chairman Weaver called on Executive Director Willis to present the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District 2020 Annual Report. Mr. Willis reported on the activities and achievements of the District for fiscal year 2020 while receiving comments and answering questions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m., on motion by Mayor McKinney and seconded by Mayor Crabtree. The motion unanimously carried.

Chairman

Date: 7/27/2022

William With
Secretary

Date: 7/27/2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2021

Chairman Frank Weaver called to order the Board of Directors Meeting of the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., at 11:10 a.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at the North Arkansas College – South Campus, John Paul Hammerschmidt Conference Center, 1515 Pioneer Drive, Harrison, Arkansas.

The following entities of government were represented:

Baxter County

Judge Mickey Pendergrass, Baxter County Dani Pugsley, Mountain Home

Benton County

Judge Barry Moehring, Benton County (Video) Mayor Peter Christie, Bella Vista Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge

Boone County

Mayor Jerry Jackson, Harrison

Carroll County

Mayor Tim McKinney, Berryville Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Eureka Springs

Madison County

Judge Frank Weaver, Madison County Nancy Marsh, Huntsville Brandi Holt, Huntsville

Marion County

Judge John Massey, Marion County (Video) Mayor Shawn Lane, Yellville Layton Lee, Yellville (Video)

Newton County

Mayor Jan Larson, Jasper Neal Gibson, Western Grove

Searcy County

Woodie Methvin, St. Joe

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Washington County

Judge Joseph Wood, Washington County (Video) Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale Steve Clark, Fayetteville (Video)

Board Members absent were:

Mayor Hillrey Adams, Mountain Home Judge Robert Hathaway, Boone County Bill Witty, Harrison Judge Sam Barr, Carroll County Judge Warren Campbell, Newton County Judge Jim Harness, Searcy County Mayor Kevin Elliott, Marshall

Guests present were:

Mayor Stephanie Orman, Bentonville Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton Mayor Judy Nation, Siloam Springs (Video) Phillip Patterson, Siloam Springs Administrator Stetson Painter, Congressman Crawford's Office Bob Largent, Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce Joe Willis, NWAEDD Jeremy Ragland, NWAEDD Jack Chisum, NWAEDD Greg LaBonte, NWAEDD Libby Robinson, NWAEDD Chelsey Weaver, NWAEDD Patty Methvin, NWAEDD Tina M. Cole, NWAEDD Catherine Baker, NWAEDD Janine Swirsky, NWAEDD Kindall Brewer, NWAEDD April Turner, NWAEDD Taff Grice, NWAEDD (Video)

The first order of business was approval of minutes of the July 21, 2021, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Butch Berry and seconded by Mayor Doug Sprouse.

The review of the district financial reports for August 31, 2021 was made. Director Willis provided an overview of the reports and answered questions. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mayor Peter Christie and seconded by Mayor Jan Larson and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business on the agenda was the review of the 2021 Locality Contributions Report. Director Willis discussed the report and offered to answer any questions.

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The next order of business was the approval of the executive committee minutes of the June 29, 2021, meeting which were presented and approved without dissent on a motion by Mayor Tim McKinney and seconded by Ms. Dani Pugsley.

In the Executive Director's report, Mr. Willis discussed the American Rescue Plan and IRT being held in Madison and Newton Counties on the Jasper and Kingston campuses, July 22 – August 4, 2022.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. on a motion by Mayor Christie and seconded by Mayor Sprouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Frank Wraven Chairman	Date: 1-26-22	
William With	Date: 1-16-77	_