

**MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Montevallo City Hall  
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2024  
1:00 p.m.**

Members Present:     Trey Gauntt (Zoom), Sonya Swords, Mark Richard  
Staff Present:         Regina Ashmore, Susan Hayes (Zoom)  
Others Present:        Steve Gilbert, City of Montevallo

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Swords. Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt were in attendance creating a quorum. A notice for this meeting was posted on April 9, 2024.

Mr. Gauntt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard. The motion was approved by a vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Swords, Mr. Richard and Mr. Gauntt voting in favor.

Ms. Hayes updated the Board on the financial position of the bond. She stated the cash accrues monthly waiting on invoices for existing and upcoming projects.

Mr. Gilbert stated the Highway 25 Sidewalk Project is near completion. A change order is expected as a result of ALDOT's inspection where they have requested a drain be installed to alleviate water standing near the trucking company driveway.

The Orr Park restroom project is complete and waiting for Shelby County Park & Recreation Grant payment. Mr. Gauntt requested the final invoice be submitted to Ms. Hayes for payment to close this project out when the P&R funds are received.

Mr. Gilbert stated the Tennis Court project is still on hold due to weather conditions but is expected to begin in June.

The hotel project is progressing. An agreement has been drafted; when finalized, the agreement will be presented to City Council. Mr. Gauntt offered to refresh the quote for demolition. Mr. Gilbert stated the contractor requested any limitations posed by ADEM on dirt moving before the process begins.

The Crossroads project has received ALDOT approval and right-of-way drawings are in hand for land acquisition. Mr. Gilbert stated the plans require land acquisition on all four corners, however, the owner of the twenty two acres will work with the city concerning their corner. Mr. Gauntt suggested the city run a title search for the notification process to determine the rightful owners.

Mr. Blackstock has a proposal for the Community Center project and master planning for the Shoal Creek property east of Hwy 119 to be presented to City Council soon.

The Board was asked to consider supporting renovations to the Scout Lodge. The city applied for a Community Development Block Grant for the project, however, will not know if awarded until later in the year. The total estimate for repairs total \$115,000 with 90% totaling \$109,000 leaving a match of \$11,055. The lodge houses the park and recreation department office for the city. The structure was built in 1995 and is need of updates and is earmarked to house an after school program for 12-15 year olds that are not eligible for the Boys and Girls Club program. Mr. Gilbert stated the plan is to remove the existing siding 36 inch from the bottom to be utilized to make necessary repairs and then install a manufactured stone base around the exterior. He further stated the deck must be replaced whether the grant is awarded or not. Mr. Gauntt stated the Board would take action after the grant awards are released; the entire project fits into the criteria established and would be a great fit to set up as a project with City Council approval.

Mr. Gauntt asked if the lighting on Main Street monthly expenses had been transitioned to the city. Mr. Gilbert stated he would follow up on the status of this and report back.

The Board discussed trails and signage at Shoal Creek Park. Ms. Swords stated the City Council discussed the ideas but did not take action on either item. Mr. Gauntt suggested the discussion consider a barrier free or paved walking trail as most people prefer to have stable footing. He further requested the city consider approving the sign package at tonight's meeting as they are much needed in the park.

Mr. Gilbert stated the county's mobile restroom trailer was available for use elsewhere if the University or County has a need if not, it will be relocated the county shop.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Montevallo City Hall. The Zoom login will be provided for the meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Richard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gauntt. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of three (3-0), with Mr. Gauntt, Mr. Richard and Chairman Swords voting in favor, the regular meeting of May 13, 2024 was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

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Regina Ashmore  
Recording Secretary

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Sonya Swords  
Montevallo Development Cooperative District