

Minutes of the Brookshire Economic Development Corporation Meeting
July 27, 2026

The Brookshire Economic Development Corporation held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2026, in the Brookshire Municipal Building located at 4029 Fifth Street, Brookshire, Texas.

Agenda Item #1: Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by President, Eric Green at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Prayer.

Director, Nathaniel Richardson

Agenda Item #3: Pledge to the U. S. Flag.

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Agenda Item #4: Roll Call.

Present:

President, Eric Green

Vice-President, Deniece Odie

Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Kosar

Director, Nathaniel Richardson

Director, Amber Allison

Absent:

Director, Lyndon Stamps

Director, Rodney Blouin

Attorney, David Olson

Also Present:

BEDC Administrative Assistant, Vickie Casto

Project Manager, Ramiro Bautista

Agenda Item #5: Budget Workshop

Dr. Bautista addressed the board and stated that they will have another opportunity to see what he, Mr. Green and Miss Julie have put together. He informed them that they had two budget documents. The one that has a highlighted portion on page two is option 2 and the other one will be option #1. He then started on page one on option one and pointed out the amounts of interest and estimated interest have been indicated there. Their reserves need to be utilized from their cash position in order to balance this budget. Next is estimated potential sales tax that the corporation anticipates receiving. The next summary is the expenses that they have planned on this option one. Those same numbers reflect on page two. He then moved to page three.

Salaries: Increased because of potential to add a position. He received inquiries from board members and some responses from the city secretary at the city level regarding what position this might be from specific cities around them, and it looks like it is up to a \$60,000 position for either a receptionist or another administrative assistant that will potentially be joining the corporation.

Payroll, Retirement and Health: With all that it would have increased because of the increased position.

Professional Services: Decreased by \$3,000

Engineer Services: Was reduced by \$5,000 to account for utilities expense that they did not account for previously for the new building.

Utility Expense: Received \$8,000 from Professional Services (\$3,000) and Engineer services (\$5,000)

Office Supplies, Membership and Dues, Building & Equipment, Public Mowing and Legal, Travel and Training, Bank Charges, Telephone, all stayed the same.

Utility Expense was added from the previous line items.

Advertising, Beautification, City Parks Project, GIS, Facilities/Infrastructure all stayed the same.

Business Improvement Grant: Was a reduction to zero, the line items were not removed.

Emergency Management: There were no changes.

The next two line-items had changes; but he does not know if they were reflected properly in the budget. He wanted Miss Julie to speak on this behalf because it looks like they'd added 4,000 to **Technology**. He would like to ask if that should have been in computer and software and the tablets should have been in technology or capital outlay equipment.

Mrs. Watts stated it was completely up to them because they can move the line items. She put the tablets under Computer & Software because they're going to be in use. Then for Technology, it's an annual subscription ongoing from year to year.

Dr. Bautista then stated if the board's okay with those expenses in those line items, then it's accurate as it's shown.

Mrs. Watts asked Miss Vike about the length of the contract.

Ms. Casto stated that they told her it was \$4,000 a year.

Dr. Bautista let the board know if they were okay as it was presented, then there would be no adjustment.

Mr. Richardson stated he would like to see it remaining one year. He did not want to be tied down for years and not be happy the first year.

Dr. Bautista went on and stated that Fun View addressed the changes that were required for capital outlay furniture in the system, however, it didn't get moved there properly. It's still under facilities; but when they bring the budget back again, they'll be sure it actually indicates Capital Outlay furniture.

Grant Matching: This was in the budget last year and if they want to see a reduction maybe this would be the area.

Dr. Bautista asked if they had any questions on option #1.

Mrs. Watts stated that she would follow up on the Capital Outlay.

Mrs. Odie asked if Real Estate was going to stay on the line item by itself.

Dr. Bautista said the line item is there now on this option and indicated it as zero because all the funds are in the type A and B project which is the 1.5 for option one. Option two, they'll see there is a proposed funding in the Real Estate line item.

Mrs. Allison confirmed that option one was what was presented to them the last time, and Dr. Bautista replied yes and added with the addition of a potential staff employee.

Mrs. Watts added that option one changed because of the tablets. There were about five things that changed on option one.

Dr. Bautista added that all those same changes are in option two with the exception of on page four with a reduction of type A and B from 1.6 to 600,000. Of that reduction, a portion of that amount contributed back to the real estate line item at 550 and then the remaining portion from the 1.5 going back to the cash position.

Mrs. Watts said she did not remove any of the potential projects that were listed.

Dr. Bautista then directed the board to view the screen where he was showing some adjustments on the Type B projects. He stated that he had added everything that he believed was their project for the past fiscal year. The last two were completed (Amphitheater tables and benches / Brookshire Welcome Rock). He then showed them the amount they needed to be paid this fiscal year.

Hovas park Multiple Improvements	\$427,486.35
Hovas Park Baseball Fences	\$274,208.24
Hovas Park Concrete	\$191,064.88
Amphitheater Tables/Benches	\$ 11,930.81
Amphitheater Restroom	\$268,689.39
Amphitheater Lighting	\$ 17,411.73
Total	\$1,190,791.40

Multiple improvement's going on at Hovas Park, from bleachers, spectators, students all the benches, soccer fields having benches and bleachers also.

Fences, they've paid half of it, what they see is the remaining portion to be paid. The fences are essentially complete, and they should be coming out within a week or two.

Hovas park concrete is scheduled for this fiscal year.

Amphitheater tables & benches filled in should be done in a couple of weeks.

Amphitheater restrooms the total amount is being shown, However Mr. Green just signed a document today that's a second pay app essentially. They've paid nearly 100,000 on this project and are set to be installed October or November. They build it as they receive payment.

Amphitheater lighting has been paid for, half and they still need to pay the balance. The schedule is to start construction in the next week or two.

Dr. Bautista stated that of their current cash position, that he didn't think they had it in the previous document but it's the 3.1 that's still outstanding this year.

Mrs. Odie asked if they still owed more than the \$17,411.73.

Dr. Bautista they had already paid 17 so this is the second and final payment ... 50%.

He then continued to the potential Type B projects. Again, he directed the board to the screen and added that he had gotten a couple of numbers on them and would discuss each one.

Hovas park lighting – four fields (-618k) Before they renovated the fields and made that third field into four fields, they did get a quote for four of the six fields. There were already four fields there that received that quote. There are lights on just one field and in order to have lighting for all four of the fields it will cost 618,000 from a BuyBoard vendor. Not the one that they are using currently but another one that Mayor Richards called out to give them a quote.

Hovas Park Irrigation (-\$115k) This is for all six fields.

Hovas park fields (-\$150k) This is an estimated amount to rework the fields prior to irrigation going in along with maintenance for the grass.

Hovas Park Dugouts (-\$20k) One of the six fields does not have a dugout. This quote is not to exceed for the dugouts.

Hovas park Clubhouse Electrical Renovation (-\$35k) This is completely changing two panels, a transformer for future expansion.

Hovas Park Batting Cages He's not gotten the quote back yet.

Amphitheater Irrigation (-\$14k)

Downtown Re-stripping (-\$16k) will be providing several crosswalks and putting parking spots on Fifth St. and restriping this downtown area.

Hwy 90 Light Poles Dr. Bautista stated he had it on as a potential project. He's not had a chance to see what type of lights to get an estimated cost.

Mrs. Allison stated as she was looking at the number 2 budget that was revised and Type A and Type B, that's highlighted, there was an adjustment for 6000,000. Based on the projects for 2027, they wouldn't even meet the financial commitment to even finish these projects. Her concern is these are the best bids he's received because it's a lot of money being spent.

Dr. Bautista said he believed it was almost 900,000.

Mrs. Allison added that was steep after they paid a lot to get these projects started at Hovas already. She feels that there needs to be some adjustments in terms of looking at additional bids for a better rate, 600k alone is more than their adjusted budget.

Mr. Green asked how many bids he got for the lights.

Dr. Bautista stated that this was the only one; because after they received the bid the city couldn't afford it, so they had to back off. He thinks this was always an EDC project; but once he saw the amount he thought it was 1.2 million. What they did was give them a bid on the four fields and then broke each individual field down. That's where the previous amount of 1.2 came from; but it's half of that.

Mr. Green asked if he could explain to the board the BuyBoard process and the reason.

Dr. Bautista stated because previously it was \$50,000 that the city could get some bids and not have to go out to formal bidding process. The past couple of months the city council adjusted it to meet the state standard, which is \$100,000. So, anything over \$100,000 they would have to fully bid out, get engineering involved, wait so many days to bid it out then tally everything up. Then have pre-conference before construction could start. With BuyBoard being a purchasing cooperative, they've been awarded contracts by the state to do this type of work so it cuts down the time when construction can start. That's the BuyBoard process, they have certain rates for this area that they must abide by and charge by. She is correct for potential opportunities for more quotes but then they would have to go out the full bid process prior waiting 60 days.

Mr. Richardson stated that ByBoard only saves them time. It may not save you money, it just saves time. He added that on some of these projects they don't have to move on if they think they're going to be upside down. He was concerned about that.

Mr. Kosar asked how many of the fields have lights.

Dr. Bautista stated just one on the turf field.

Mr. Richardson said it was not a bad idea to have lights out there; but if it was going to cause them to be upside down... they can still pay without lights until they decide okay ... let's move forward.

Mr. Green asked if they could resubmit it on ByBoard.

Dr. Bautista confirmed for a new quote for what they have now and Mr. Green yes, lighting for the fields.

Mrs. Allison stated she understood they want to make improvements to the community since businesses are coming here and they want it to be attractive. She thinks it's important that they understand what monies they have in this particular pot, they've already exceeded that prior year. It was 260k and now they are 56%, and actually that just came down because she asked for that and basically, they would be in the red if they were to execute on these particular projects. The top line concerns her 600k and they only have one. That's not ethical to her ... it feels like it makes sense to go the extra mile to get to see if they can have a cost of savings there. She added if they were to move in January, February 2027, they have no other monies in the bucket for that particular project A or B to do anything else.

Mr. Kosar said even if they broke down to do two fields this year that would leave three fields with lights they could play on and they could schedule the next two for the next physical year.

Mrs. Allison asked what they had been doing all this time before now.

Mr. Green stated that they had been playing on one field.

Mrs. Odie asked if it would be possible to get the temporary lighting? Like they use at the amphitheater.

Several relied no, due to shadows and someone would get hurt.

Mr. Richardson stated if they were looking for resubmittal, that they would look at NCAA people. He added that sometimes they beat BuyBoard because that's what they do all the time. They work with vendors that work strictly with fields, courts and those kinds of things.

Sometimes you get a better deal. BuyBoard is good because it saves you time, but it's not going to save you money.

Mr. Kosar stated that the people that put up the lights a few years ago could properly come out and put a bid in also.

Dr. Bautista stated that they were not trying to go with this company, it was more for budget numbers.

Mrs. Allison said when this money sits as well, why aren't they spending some of it on these projects; but at the same time why are they over in other expenditures ... that doesn't make sense. She then wanted to go back to page three. She knows they are relocating to the other building for the expenses for 3,000, 4,000 and 8,000 ... basically that's 17,500 budget for 2027 for the new building. Is that broken out per month?

Mrs. Watts stated there could be some startup fees such as utilities.

Mr. Richardson spoke on the position that he wanted to add was going to get paid up to 60,000.

Dr. Bautista stated that's what was added into this amount for a potential receptionist or clerk or administrative assistant.

Mr. Richardson said however he wanted to schedule it, it needs to be on some kind of scale. What constitutes this start up person getting 40,000, 45, 50 and not arbitrarily saying we are going to pay them 60,000?

Mrs. Odie said she thought that was a little bit on the high end, especially just coming in. She thinks it should be lower.

Mr. Richardson stated if they come in with experience, they need some kind of schematic that says the reason we're paying for this is because this person comes in with eight years' experience, she's good with these four different software's, she's able to do XYZ.

Dr. Bautista stated that Mrs. Connor replied back to Mrs. Allison's e-mail that had all these cities with all the rates. He believes it started at 45 and below if he was not mistaken.

Mrs. Allison let them know that she had sent the e-mail to Mrs. Connor and had asked her for the job description for administrative assistant. After they met, she thought about it and the way the layout will be is it enough work to justify having a full-time administrative assistant? She's looking at this now and seeing a document that just came in ... She's seeing a 60k budget for a potential employee; but then she also sees 70k for the coordinator. That's two additional salaries, they're increasing numbers, but she doesn't see that being justified.

Mr. Green stated he was not in agreement with the position over there because he does not think the majority of the people that this reception has come in contact with will be for EDC. He thinks it will be for permits, and that's a city issue.

Mr. Richardson stated he was really concerned about that. The load that EDC is carrying for the city. It's not designed for them to carry all those wants that the city wants. They must become creative in their budgeting process. What is that we need to kick the city off and manage it from day to day, and what is it they want? They must be real with those conversations. He added that this area is growing and they need funding on hand just in case the right person shows up with something that they just can't turn down.

Mrs. Allison said when she went online to the Brookshire Economic Development board and she just saw two employees, which are Dr. Batista and Miss Vickie. She does not feel that justifies ... and Mr. Bautista is in the field and he's working for the city to be in this building; That's a safety issue for one. She knows they will relocate the permit lady over there; but she feels that that building for itself just to have two active employees that's on the roster for the economic development committee that justifies that. She would propose going back to the city and they can reroute some of their staff. They're the ones who's at capacity in that particular area. She can't make a decision on the budget for her vote because there's not enough evidence to justify these numbers.

Mr. Kosar said that he didn't feel comfortable paying somebody right off the bat either. He thinks they should wait to see how it goes.

Mr. Green said he didn't want the position period, and if the city is not going to pay for it

Mrs. Odie wanted to go back to last week. She had posed the question because she wanted to know if Miss Vickie was going to be over there by herself or are they going to have a receptionist, and admin or whatever they want to label the person. Is there going to be someone else over there assisting with the phones? Are they going to have the permit person there, is Mr. Bautista going to be there. What if everyone is busy and nobody is watching that door when people come in? That's why she posed the question.

Mrs. Watts said with the \$60,000 salary on the insurance, she had to go on the high side because you don't know if this person is going to carry children, spouse, or family. They may have removed 100,000 but the salary added back about 89,000 with 60k. With the range that they were given on the high side so, they'll be under budget; but also, on the insurance they may come in lower because if they're going to carry just an employee themselves, then that number is going to drop. So, when they don't know what the employee is going to carry, they have to go on the high side.

Mr. Richardson stated that you have to put a cushion in on any budget when you're working with it so that doesn't bother him.

Mr. Green stated that if the permit department is relocated over there, that permit department is extremely busy right now. A lot of meetings, a lot of phone calls, a lot of emails and that's why he said the majority of the work of that receptionist is going to be for permits and not EDC.

Mr. Green asked Ms. Casto how many phone calls she averaged a day.

Ms. Casto stated she was lucky if she received two a day.

Mr. Green said point made.

Dr. Bautista said as staff, he was okay with two. He thought from the consensus from the last meeting, they wanted to see this on there.

Several replied he was accurate and in the future.

Mrs. Odie asked in the fiscal year 2027 what the projected date would they be moving to the building? 2027 or 2028?

Dr. Bautista stated that he couldn't fully say yet. They were trying to finish the entire building by this fiscal year. But it may go into the next fiscal year by a month or two. So, hopefully by December if not first thing in 2027 first January 2027. He can give them a date or timeline once they get started on the building itself.

Mrs. Odie said not a projected date but looking at maybe next summer?

Dr. Bautista replied no, way before that, he's thinking three to six months.

Mrs. Odie said that she did agree with Eric, if its going to be strictly for permits and she doesn't take that many calls, then

Mr. Richardson added it was not a good use of the taxpayer's money. But he thought the discussion was look at the position, what it was going to cost. He didn't know they had voted for it.

Several said, no they had not.

Dr. Bautista said this was just to bring it forward so they could see the numbers. Miss Julie will be happy to remove them instantly.

Mr. Richardson stated they could always pad their budget if they see it becoming an issue and reach out to hire someone. He will have to agree with Eric this time.

Mrs. Odie stated she thought it should be across the board and not just focus on just one position, but it was three people.

Mr. Richardson said he would like for them, Mr. Bautista and the Mayor, to continue to look at things to bring to them, not make the decision. Because if they make a decision without him having a say even though he gets defeated, that's okay. Some things have to be moved expeditiously. That's why we said we wanted the three guys on there. There are some things they're going to see that they're not. At the end of the day all the money belongs to the city anyway. He doesn't want to be just a figurehead, if he's going to sit in that spot he wants to have a say.

Mr. Green said as far as the baseball fields, they can actually do the lighting in phases. They have to make sure that there are no games dust / dark. They have to play the T-ball games earlier until they can get the fields done. So, if they can submit another bid on BoardBook and break it down in phases.

Dr. Bautista said they could do the field closest to the concession stand. The turf field if it needs it and that new larger field.

Mr. Green said it needs it because they are currently running an extinction cord upon the back stop to use the fields.

Mrs. Odie asked if they would use BuyBoard or that place

Mr. Richardson said NCAA...

Dr. Bautista said they would reach out to the contact over at the university and find out who they use for their fields.

Mr. Green stated the grant matching was \$103,000 ...

Dr. Bautista said it was a potential opportunity for reduction he and Mr. Green had a discussion about it. If they would like, they could reduce that down to zero. They had 103,000 this year and it was not utilized. He added that they cannot get the federal grants right now.

Mrs. Odie agreed to reduce it to a smaller amount.

Dr. Bautista said he didn't know if they wanted to leave 20,000 in there. Maybe that might be an opportunity to do one matching.

Mr. Green said that would do irrigation, restriping.

Mr. Kosar said that irrigation is a must at the park or they will lose those fields.

Mrs. Odie asked if they reduced the amount, how much is the grant matching?

Dr. Bautista replied 100,00.

Mrs. Odie replied no, if they were to reduce this what is the ...

Dr. Bautista stated that it was just in case they received it. He then gave an example like if they received \$100,000 grant and they had a 10% match. They would pay 10,000 and they would get 90,000 to make the full 100,000.

Mrs. Odie then asked if they were to drop it down to 20 ...

Dr. Bautista stated then they could only use 20,000 if there was an opportunity out there. He added that this was just in case maybe a \$500,000 grant and they had to pay 10%, then they would have to pay 50,000.

Mr. Kosar confirmed they would have to show good faith before they got the money.

Dr. Bautista let him know that the city was usually responsible for that match.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Kosar asked how many dugouts they had and did they all have to be redone. Can they work a year with the dugout and add?

Dr. Bautista stated that it was just one field that was missing a dugout.

Mr. Kosar confirmed that all the fields did have dugouts, then added they could put the dugout till 28th physical year if they needed to.

Mr. Green replied yes but that's up to ...

Mr. Kosar said he had much rather have lights before a dugout. If the other fields have dugouts, they can take that money and add to the lights.

Dr. Bautista said when they received this quote, those individuals didn't know they were turning the field into four on the last one. Maybe they can reposition some of the poles and also add lights to capture what's required on the other fields that they didn't know about.

Discussion continued on the positioning of the lights.

Mrs. Odie stated if everyone was in agreement, she would agree with Eric taking this ...

Dr. Bautista said, reduce the 100,000

Mrs. Odie continued and said they could take some of the money and put on some of the projects. Like the restriping, irrigation and maybe electrical renovation.

Mr. Kosar said that needs to be done, without a question.

Mr. Green stated he was going to say the same thing. He then added that the electricity was so old that Hovas Park that inside the concession stand where the league keeps their equipment, there's one of those big transformers that hums. It's where the children can get to it. He continued and stated that there were old panels in there that's easily opened with high voltage. Several discussed the different voltage.

Mr. Green stated that's why the electricity was on there, it's a priority.

Mr. Richardson said to remember what Mrs. Allison was saying that they're trying to reduce cost. If they move cost to another place, they've not reduced anything. Take care of the needs first and the wants second.

Mrs. Allison stated she did not see a number for the batting cages.

Dr. Bautista stated they had not gotten the quote back yet. He added that was not a high priority.

Mrs. Odie said that those three were like \$65,000, so she thought it would fit where they were trying to reduce the 103,000. Then they would have money to take care of the electrical one first.

Mr. Richardson confirmed if they did the irrigation, and the electrical ... those are the things that they need?

Several replied yes.

Mr. Green then moved to the downtown restriping ...

Dr. Bautista said if they wanted to look at it, he could pull it up for them to see.

Mrs. Allison stated they still didn't have the highway 90 light poles and other projects. She added that one thing that stood out to her ... going back to the EDC and the one employee over there fulltime. In the budget it's about \$50,000 associated with relocating the EDC for one employee. When the issue is at a capacity, those are city employees that's at capacity. The administrative assistant is one person to spend \$50,000 roughly. We'll put \$50,000 in the budget to move it to one building for one employee that's being utilized by a city worker.

Mr. Koser added, maybe two.

Mrs. Allison continued and said 70%, 80% of the time. Dr. Bautista is in the field plus he's going to have an office just to be able to put a conference room there does not justify no \$50,000. Now you're taking away from things that are high-priority items.

Mr. Green asked which line item the 50,000 was in.

Mr. Koser stated it was the salary.

Mrs. Allison stated that was not even the salary. It says everything that says EDC will be relocating fiscal year 2027. She directed them to page three and four.

Mr. Green stated that was probably the buildout on the computer systems and that could be pretty expensive. Because they will have to have a network over there that's connected to this building.

Mrs. Allison said she understood the reasoning behind the expense. The expense does not make sense to her for one employee. She asked if that was a city expense. All the software over there will be for who?

Mr. Green said it was kind of in the middle because the city owns the building. The city is actually renovated the building. They are going to get in the building ...

Mrs. Allison replied ... one employee.

Mr. Green replied, yes one employee and added ... build the building out.

Mrs. Allison stated that just didn't justify it for her, the office space that's already here makes sense; but to relocate one employee you have to consider security concerns, when someone's on vacation who will manage the building. An EDC building; but one EDC employee ... the math makes no sense. Don't forget they have a \$60,000 potential budget for an employee. So, they're at \$110,000 now and they still have budget for a contract for 70,000. She believes there's opportunities and some modification that could be made that could be reduced. She just saw the

project manager's job description. She's seeing where it's additional responsibility for the current person to manage both projects.

Mrs. Odie asked if there was, anyway, they could take that salary out of their budget for the admin? She stated that she saw Mr. Green did not see it.

Mr. Green agreed.

Mrs. Odie added it would not be beneficial.

Mr. Green stated not for EDC.

Mrs. Odie asked if they could take that out.

Dr. Bautista said absolutely.

Mrs. Odie said that would give them almost 80 90,000 back and that would be more things they could get done on a project.

Mrs. Allison confirmed that it would go back into the budget for project A and project B and give Dr. Batista more reserve to work with. It was million five at first and they've basically cut that in half but then added back half of that for real estate. She understands the reasoning for budgeting and reserve; but they have to be realistic about some of the decisions that they make.

Mrs. Odie went over how much that had taken out.

Mrs. Allison asked about the grant matching historical data. She saw 2026, and what they want for 2027 ... want to reduce that?

Mrs. Odie replied yes.

Mrs. Allison asked if they ever used any of the 2025 funds for grant matching.

Dr. Bautista stated it was not in there before; he was the one that brought it in. He had done this previously at other cities that there's a HGAC has what they call livable study center. It's usually like a \$200,000 grant to do a study on the entire city or a specific area for economic development purposes. The one in Prairie View was a \$200,00 grant with a 10% match....so, \$20,000.

Mrs. Allison stated she knew he created the budget so does he recommend 103 to stay in that bucket?

Dr. Bautista replied no and added he agreed with Mr. Green when they met today about reducing that.

Mrs. Watts confirmed the items that were being changed. She wanted to know if they were working off budget #1 or #2.

Several stated option #2

Discussion continued on the changes.

Dr. Bautista confirmed that the funds that were for the additional employee can go to that Type B as well?

Several agreed.

Mrs. Odie said they reduced the real estate; but will it stay in a line by itself?

Dr. Bautista replied no and added there will be 550,000 as per the request if they all agree with that.

Mrs. Odie confirmed that they would still have the other 500,000 still under real estate.

Dr. Bautista said no and added that they were moving some of the Type B to the real estate and the remaining portion would be going back to cash. He let them know they were looking at option two instead.

Mrs. Allison wanted to move back to the relocation for EDC in 2027, will be roughly \$50,000 worth of expenses and she's reiterating one employee. That's what the city wants, 100% to relocate because they've renamed it already. To her that should be a shared expense; because it's not to just accommodate the EDC although that's the name on the building.

Mr. Green stated that the city owns the building. They've not talked about not paying.

Dr. Bautista stated right now there is no rent. It's like an in-kind donation from the city.

Mr. Green added that they will still be responsible for all the utilities.

Dr. Bautista said they did not account for it this year.

Mr. Richards asked Ms. Casto, wasn't they paying for space (where they are located now). And added why would there not be any difference?

Ms. Casto stated that they had paid for the space, utilities, and the phone.

Dr. Bautista stated that was what they were trying to bring back for the most part.

Mr. Richardson stated that's justifiable if they are paying for the space.

Mr. Green stated that they hadn't talked about it in the city.

Dr. Bautista stated just the utilities.

Ms. Odie said she thought it was rent and utilities.

Dr. Bautista said that at this time the city was not charging them.

Mr. Green stated that if they wanted to take on that expense ... when they're letting us stay over there rent free.

Mrs. Allison stated that the fees did not make sense for just one employee.

Dr. Bautista said that some of them could be reduced. The reason for office supplies being increased that much was because now there'll be a respective area where people come in and have coffee. The BEDC conference room has the same type right here. Miss Vickie does make coffee, they do have coffee and water, but they don't have that many visitors. There could be some reductions there. The equipment maintenance was estimated not knowing what equipment they were actually going to have in there.

Mr. Kosar asked about the public mowing, and do they ever use it?

Dr. Bautista replied yes that they did, Hovas Park and Hwy 90, he confirmed with Miss Vickie.

Miss. Casto stated that they had landscapers in the past.

Dr. Bautista continued that they are now doing it in-house. But if the city at some point in time have an emergency they could ...

Mr. Kosar asked if they could take that out of Type A and B if an emergency came up?

Dr. Bautista stated that was not a project. He then explained that Type B was for project so they would have to wait those 60 days etc. If they keep it under operating expenses, then they can utilize the money when they need it.

Mrs. Watts let them know where the EDC office is now will become a conference room.

Dr. Bautista added that it would be a workspace for council members. Which in their other space they'll have space there in the conference room.

Mrs. Odie asked if they could reduce beautification maybe by \$5,000?

Mr. Richardson replied no and added that anytime they started deleting stuff that they needed, it becomes a dying entity. Then the next group that comes here will say something is too much money and reduce it. Then it's going to start looking like 15 years ago. He doesn't like to cut stuff because they're tight, let's make sure they take care of the things that they need and then take care of the things they want.

Mrs. Allison said that overall, she thinks the budget looks okay, however its hard for her to make a decision without having visible data estimates, and she understands the reason behind the budget ... she hasn't seen the financials last month. She doesn't even know what their financials look like from a standpoint and that's concerning to her to create a budget for 2027.

Mrs. Watts said she would have it on August 6th.

Mrs. Allison stated that Dr. Bautisa had communicated to them that they would have it. But she's just saying to make a decision with these numbers, and they are increasing a lot of the expenses, almost over 50% and that's concerning to her.

Mr. Richardson asked how many abatements did they have going on right now?

Dr. Bautista stated that right now they have Tesla, Grundfos and the one coming up next week if it gets approved by council.

Mr. Richardson asked if Tesla had been approved.

Dr. Bautista said it had been approved as well as Grundfos. He added that the only one that's outstanding right now that's been requested is the 90 West properties.

Mr. Richardson said that Tesla was not handled properly. They should have been the lead on that and not the county.

Dr. Bautista went to the striping.

Mrs. Odie asked if they could get another bid on that as well?

Dr. Bautista replied yes and continued showing and telling the streets, Velasco, crosswalk then going down 5th street, Cooper and another crosswalk then Otto.

Discussion continued and it was agreed the 16,000 was okay.

Dr. Bautista said he wanted to go back and talk about some. He thinks they can make a 5,000 to \$8,000 cut there and get it presented to them.

Mr. Green stated that some of these ... the storm drainage, the sewer projects, that's necessary. That's something the mayor is really pushing hard for.

He asked Mrs. Watts if she could explain when they had that meeting last week when it came down to the revenue and you were dipping into the reserves and there was no new increase in the revenue and that's why the mayor is actually requesting that EDC contribute.

Mrs. Allison asked if that was the infrastructure. Several replied yes and she continued my saying she thought they all agreed that was a must have. She thought at the last budget meeting that 48% increase was warranted.

Mrs. Watts stated she believed the taxation was released on the 25th and they should have access to that soon, that's given them additional accuracy.

Dr. Bautista wanted to reiterate again, reduction in the new potential employee. The amounts that are being reduced would go to Type B. Looking at the EDC will be relocating in FY27, line items to potentially have some reduction. The reduction of grant matching to 20,000 and the remaining of those funds moving to Type B. Gathering some additional quotes for the lights and any other quotes he might see out there, he'll just go ahead and grab a couple of extras just so they can compare.

Mr. Green asked if they were all in agreement.

Mrs. Allison stated with the modifications ... yes.

Dr. Bautista said that on August 6th, he would have those modifications to the budget, but it would be on as an agenda item in the regular EDC meeting. He is anticipating they will be making a decision there based off the changes that they've expressed today.

Mrs. Allison asked did the city meet in September.

Dr. Bautista stated the middle of August.

Mrs. Allison said August because she remembered the last meeting, that's why they came today. It was specified that it will be on the agenda for the 6th.

Mrs. Watts stated that the city council will have another special meeting after August 6th for budgeting and hopefully in September it'll be adopted.

Mrs. Allison asked Dr. Bautista if he had the opportunity to look into seeing if the City of Brookshire paying for the renovation for the EDC; because that's what they had concerns about the last time they met.

Dr. Bautista stated not the EDC; it's a full city project.

Mrs. Allison asked if they would be able to look at it before August 6th?

Dr. Bautista stated they would make the changes tomorrow, and they would make changes also on the fiscal year for the ones moving over there. He'll get with Miss Julie and cut some of those about 5 to 8,000 if they can.

Mrs. Odie asked for him to go back with the amounts on his presentation.

Dr. Bautista located his presentation for them to view on the screen.

Mrs. Odie asked for the lighting for the four fields, was he going to go back and see if they could do two?

Dr. Bautista stated he was going to ask them to come take a look at it again to give them another quote.

Mrs. Odie asked if he would tell them what the amount would be?

Dr. Bautista replied yes.

Mr. Green asked them to break it down into three phases.

Mrs. Allison asked on the modified #2 budget, would he be able to attach that as well?

Dr. Bautista replied yes and added that if he received the information on the batting cages or lab information, he'll share that as well. He'll look at some lamps either connect to the building or on a pole and get an estimated amount for around 10 or so. Also, he'll ask engineering to see if they can help them with some estimated costs for construction.

Mr. Richardson asked where were they with the concrete slabs under the theater benches?

Dr. Bautista directed them to the screen and pointed out the Type B projects FY26 outstanding page, the fill-in and added that within the next week or two it should be completed.

Mrs. Odie asked if the balance that they were looking at was part of their balance that they still owed?

Dr. Bautista stated for this fiscal year.

Mrs. Allison confirmed that they were operating at three million right now.

Dr. Bautista replied yes.

Mr. Green stated if there were no other questions, he would move to line item #4.

Agenda item #6: Adjournment.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Kosar / Vice President, Deniece Odie

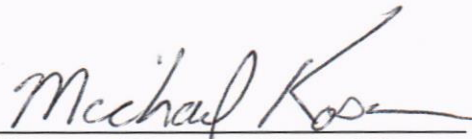
All For
Motion Carried

7:10 p.m.

It is possible that a quorum of the Brookshire City Council may be present at the meeting and participate in the discussion of the items on the agenda. No official action of the Brookshire City Council will be taken at this meeting.



President, Eric Green



Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Kosar

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