

**CIVIC ABILENE, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, August 12, 2008**

**PRESIDING.....Mr. David Gist, Chair**

**ATTENDING**

Mr. Rob Barnhill  
Mr. Tom Boecking  
Mr. Mike Hernandez  
Mrs. Peggy Manning  
Mr. Joe Russey  
Dr. Ted Starnes  
Mr. John Thomas  
Mr. Mike Warren

**ABSENT**

Ms. Neomia Banks  
Mr. Steve Leggett  
Mr. Michael Murphy  
Mr. Charles Perkins  
Mr. Robert Pollan  
Ms. Micki Wright

Mr. Mike Hall, Director of Community Services  
Ms. Audrey Perry, Manager  
Mr. Bill Henderson, Event Coordinator  
Ms. Kelley Messer, Legal  
Mr. George Ozuna

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Abilene, Inc. Board of Directors was called to order by Mr. David Gist, Chair, on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

**2. RECOGNITION:**

- a. The Board recognized Civic Center Employee Mr. George Ozuna for receiving the City "Spotlight on Excellence Award". Mr. David Gist presented a plaque to him.
- b. The Board also presented Mr. John Thomas with a plaque for his meritorious service as Civic Abilene, Inc. Chairman for 2005-2009.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Rob Barnhill made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Audrey Perry gave the Financial Report for May, June, and July 2008. For May 2008: Checking Account - \$1,140.40; Investment Account - \$47,633.23; making a total cash position of \$48,773.63. For June 2008: Checking Account - \$2,215.63; Investment Account - \$46,192.48; making a total cash position of \$48,408.11. For July: Checking Account - \$7,961.92; Investment Account - \$41,250.71; making a total cash position of \$49,212.63. There being no corrections, the report was filed for audit.

**5. OPERATIONS REPORT:** Mr. Bill Henderson gave the Operations Report for May, June, and July 2008.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. **Electronic Marquee:** Ms. Audrey Perry advised the Board that the existing marquee is beyond repair. After examining the marquee board, Datatronic Control, Inc. determined the marquee was hit by lightning and they have submitted a claim to our insurance company.
- b. **Wireless Internet:** Ms. Audrey Perry advised the Board that the Xanadoo contract to install wireless internet accessibility at no cost throughout the facility has cleared all channels and systems should be up and operational in the next few weeks.

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- c. **Billboard:** Mr. David Gist noted that the joint venture effort with the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau to fund billboard advertising is due for renewal at a cost to Civic Abilene, Inc. of \$3,000. After much discussion as to its location, the Board recommended it be moved to the Elmdale Road area. A motion to approve the expenditure was made by Mr. Ted Starnes. The motion was approved by all present.
  - d. **IAAM Seminar:** Ms. Audrey Perry requested funding in the amount of \$1,600 to send two Civic Center employees, Mr. Paul Martinez and Mr. Jarred Williams, to the IAAM District VI Seminar August 16-18, 2008 in Overland Park, Kansas. After discussion, Mr. Rob Barnhill moved to approve the expenditure. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.
  - e. **TCCA Conference:** Ms. Audrey Perry advised the Board that Abilene is hosting the TCCA annual conference this year, October 29-31, and if all the Civic Center staff could be registered and attend most of the events, funding would be \$5,000. After discussion, Mr. Mike Warren made the motion to approve the expenditure. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.