

**MONTEVALLO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Parnell Memorial Library
Minutes**

**Special Called Meeting/Conference Call
March 27, 2020
1:00 p.m. (Call In Time)**

Members Present: Dee Woodham, Reed Prince, Mary Ellen Heuton
Staff Present: Sharman Brooks
Others Present: Jason Peterson, Montevallo City Council; Mark Richard, University of Montevallo; Susan Hayes, University of Montevallo

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Woodham. Ms. Heuton, Mr. Prince, and Chairman Woodham were in attendance creating a quorum. Also attending were Mark Richard, Susan Hayes, and Jason Peterson. A notice for this meeting was posted on March 24, 2020 on the City Hall Bulletin Board and on the City's Facebook page. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 13, 2020.

Ms. Woodham asked that it be noted in the minutes that she had received one request from the public that this meeting be posted on Facebook Live. She further requested that we note the next regular meeting of the MDCD will follow the current COVID-19 meeting protocol as set by the City Council.

Chairman Woodham identified the purpose of the called meeting was to discuss action needed regarding the Tavern's near future rent payments that are current for the month of March. She stated that landlords across the country are having the same conversations and taking action because they want to continue to have tenants when the crisis is over. She asked Mr. Peterson as the Chair of the City's Finance Committee to respond. Mr. Peterson stated that at this time the one thing we can control in the Main Street area is the rent for our tenant, the Main Street Tavern. We should help where we can by either forgiving or deferring the payments. Ms. Heuton agreed that the MDCD should try to help them out with a couple of months' worth of rent. Mr. Prince agreed that it sets a good precedent for the public and private sector moving forward. Mr. Richard said he was in favor as long as the Board approved a plan. Ms. Hayes indicated she thought it was a good idea.

Chairman Woodham further discussed that the Tavern had been closed to inside/sit down dining, because of the COVID-19 protocols, since mid-March. Ms. Hayes had sent the numbers to Ms. Woodham via email earlier in the week. Ms. Woodham said that the Tavern had been open for Take-Out only since the middle of March and deferring or forgiving payments from mid-March, all of April and all of May would result in a total of approximately \$6,800. She indicated that she had had a conversation with Councilman Rusty Nix and said that he was in favor of deferring the payments but not forgiving them entirely.

The group discussed the pros and cons of deferring the payments as opposed to forgiving the payments all together.

Ms. Heuton made a motion to waive one-half of the March rent payment and all of the April and May rent payments. The motion was seconded by Mr.Prince. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Woodham, Mr. Prince and Ms. Heuton voting in favor, the motion was approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Prince made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Woodham and by a unanimous vote of three (3-0), with Chairman Woodham, Ms. Heuton and Mr. Prince voting in favor, the special called meeting of March 27, 2020 was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sharman Brooks
Recording Secretary

Dee Woodham, Chairman
Montevallo Development Cooperative District