NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Wednesday, January 29, 2025
5:30 PM

Danny Morrow
Candice Myers
Chase Penny
Dwayne Wheeler
Ernie Burns
Ivy Lopez
Candace Gore

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Government Code that the Van Economic Development Board will meet in a Regular Meeting October 29, 2025 at 5:30 PM at City Hall 310 Chestnut St., Van, TX 75790. The items listed below are placed on the agenda for discussion and/or action.

Notice is hereby given as required by Title 5, Chapter 551.041 of the Government Code that a possible quorum of the Van City Council may be present at this meeting. No official business of the City of Van will be conducted by the City Council at this meeting.

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

II. **INVOCATION**

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. US Flag

B. Texas Flag

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

IV. **OPEN FORUM**

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V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

(All consent agenda items are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member request an item be removed and considered separately.)

A. Meeting Minutes

B. Financial Report

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. Report and update from EDC Executive Director

B. Report and update from EDC President - City Manager is introduced

VII. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

A. Discussion concerning the Executive Director's upcoming annual review and the form to be completed

B. Discussion concerning shop local event - June Jamboree

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

IX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.087, and Section 418.183(f) of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act). Refer to posted list attached hereto and incorporated here in.

X. **RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION IF ANY**

RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Discussion under this item must be limited to whether the Board wishes to include a potential agenda item on a future agenda.

XI. **ADJOURN**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted in the bulletin board at Van City Hall, 310 Chestnut St., Van, Texas 75790 by 5:00 pm on January 24, 2025

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Tammy Weidman, Van EDC Executive Director

NOTE: If, during the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Council will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this public meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact the Van City Hall 48 hours in advance, at (903)963-7216, and reasonable accommodations will be made for assistance.

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Monday, November 25, 2024
5:30 PM

Danny Morrow
Candice Myers
Chase Penny
Dwayne Wheeler
Ernie Burns
Ivy Lopez
Candace Gore

MINUTES

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Danny Morrow
Present: Danny Morrow, Ernie Burns, Chase Penny, Candice Myers, Ivy Lopez, Dwayne Wheeler, Candace Gore
Absent:

II. **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Candice Myers

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Danny Morrow

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RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Chase Penny
SECONDER:	Ivy Lopez
AYES:	Ernie Burns, Chase Penny, Candice Myers, Ivy Lopez, Dwayne Wheeler, Candace Gore
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

A. Meeting Minutes

B. Financial Report

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. Report and update from EDC Executive Director

B. Report and update from the EDC President on the annual review process of the EDC Executive Director

VII. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on the "Welcome to Van" sign

The item was tabled and may be brought back at a future meeting for further action.

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Facade Grant application submitted for property located at 391 W Main

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Ernie Burns
SECONDER:	Candice Myers
AYES:	Ernie Burns, Chase Penny, Candice Myers, Ivy Lopez, Dwayne Wheeler, Candace Gore
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on the Movie House parking lot

The item was tabled and may be brought back at a future meeting for further action.

D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on changing the date of the January EDC Board Meeting.

RESULT:	**Passed**
MOVER:	Chase Penny
SECONDER:	Candice Myers
AYES:	Ernie Burns, Chase Penny, Candice Myers, Ivy Lopez, Dwayne Wheeler, Candace Gore
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None

A motion was made to change January's regular EDC Board meeting date to Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

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Attest:

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EDC President

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EDC Executive Director

Van Economic Development Corporation

Profit and Loss

October 2023 - September 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Income	
City Sales & Tax Allocation	290,771.04
Interest-Checking	37.86
Movie House Rentals	2,000.00
Total Income	**292,808.90**
Total Income	**$292,808.90**
GROSS PROFIT	**$292,808.90**
Expenses	
-Association Dues	1,526.25
-City of Van Water Well Project	50,000.00
-Meeting expenses	147.58
-Professional Services	4,004.74
-Special Projects - Parks & Recreation	10,000.00
Facilities	
-Movie House Cleaning	1,175.00
-Movie House Electricity/Internet	3,324.31
-Movie House Insurance	2,091.73
-Movie House Maintenance Bldg and Grounds	619.55
Total Facilities	**7,210.59**
Facilities and City Hall Office Expenses	
-Rent, Parking, Utilities	5,226.60
Total Facilities and City Hall Office Expenses	**5,226.60**
Operations	
-Supplies	332.15
Computer	
-Computer Software	4,947.22
-Website	1,587.00
Total Computer	**6,534.22**
Total Operations	**6,866.37**
Payroll Expenses	
-Salaries	74,912.14
Total Payroll Expenses	**74,912.14**
Promotions	
-Advertising	643.90
-Chamber - Prize Money	1,000.00
-Marketing	1,603.63

Van Economic Development Corporation

Profit and Loss

October 2023 - September 2024

	TOTAL
-Promotional Events/Trade Shows	2,395.31
Total Promotions	**5,642.84**
Special Projects	9,779.96
Travel and Meetings	
-Conferences/Training	1,645.00
-Travel/Lodging/Meals	3,430.70
Total Travel and Meetings	**5,075.70**
Total Expenses	**$180,392.77**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$112,416.13**
Other Income	
-Unrestricted Project Fund Balance-beginning of year	0.00
Interest-Savings CD	11,734.76
Tex Pool Interest	9,886.23
Total Other Income	**$21,620.99**
NET OTHER INCOME	**$21,620.99**
NET INCOME	**$134,037.12**

Van Economic Development Corporation

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
TB&T Certificate of Deposit	200,000.00
Texas Bank And Trust	39,943.18
TexPool	204,322.98
Total Bank Accounts	**$444,266.16**
Total Current Assets	**$444,266.16**
Other Assets	
Marketable Securities	0.00
Total Other Assets	**$0.00**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$444,266.16**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long-Term Liabilities	
Southside Loan	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	**$0.00**
Total Liabilities	**$0.00**
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	-84,736.21
Retained Earnings	394,965.25
Net Income	134,037.12
Total Equity	**$444,266.16**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$444,266.16**

Van Economic Development Corporation

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget FY24-25 - FY25 P&L

Monthly Report November

INCOME	BUDGET	November	YTD Revenue	Pending Revenue	% Collected
City Sales & Tax Allocation	$294,026.00	$26,325.70	$49,413.55	$244,612.45	17%
Interest - Checking	$500.00	$1.42	$3.16	$496.84	1%
Movie House Rentals	$2,400.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,400.00	0%
Total Income	**$296,926.00**	**$26,327.12**	**$49,416.71**	**$247,509.29**	**17%**
EXPENSES			**YTD Expense**	**Funds Remaining**	**% Used**
Association Dues	$1,720.00	$385.00	$545.00	$1,175.00	32%
City of Van Water Well	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50,000.00	0%
Meeting Expenses	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$500.00	0%
Professional Services	$15,000.00	$200.00	$200.00	$14,800.00	1%
Special Projects - Parks & Rec	$10,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10,000.00	0%
Movie House Cleaning	$1,800.00	$150.00	$300.00	$1,500.00	17%
Movie House Electric/Internet	$4,482.00	$354.82	$354.82	$4,127.18	8%
Movie House Insurance	$2,550.00	$0.00	$2,550.00	$0.00	100%
Movie House Maint. Bldg & Grounds	$3,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,000.00	0%
Facilities/City Hall Expenses	$6,000.00	$488.01	$1,670.24	$4,329.76	28%
Supplies	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	0%
Computer Software	$5,000.00	$0.00	$254.24	$4,745.76	5%
IT Services	$1,885.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,885.00	0%
Website	$2,665.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,665.00	0%
Salaries	$78,805.17	$6,437.89	$12,429.84	$66,375.33	16%
Advertising	$2,218.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,218.00	0%
Chamber Prize Money	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	0%
Marketing	$5,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	0%
Promotional Events/Trade Shows	$4,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,000.00	0%
Conferences/Training	$5,000.00	$3,040.00	$4,992.00	$8.00	100%
Travel/Lodging/Meals	$5,300.83	$887.61	$887.61	$4,413.22	17%
Façade Grants	$30,000.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$25,000.00	17%
Projects to be defined	$60,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$60,000.00	0%
Total Expenses	**$296,926.00**	**$16,943.33**	**$29,183.75**	**$267,742.25**	**10%**
NET OPERATING INCOME		**$9,383.79**			

Van Economic Development Corporation

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget FY24-25 - FY25 P&L

Monthly Report November

		MONTH		YTD
Other Income	$	-		$0.00
TexPool Interest	$	850.40		$1,731.89
CD Interest	$	2,268.49		$2,268.49
Total for Other Income	$	3,118.89		$4,000.38
Other Expenses	$	-		**$0.00**
Net Other Income	$	3,118.89		4000.38
Net Income	$	12,502.68	$	24,233.34

Van Economic Development Corporation

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget FY24-25 - FY25 P&L

Monthly Report December

INCOME	BUDGET	December	YTD Revenue	Pending Revenue	% Collected
City Sales & Tax Allocation	$294,026.00	$25,905.81	$75,319.36	$218,706.64	26%
Interest - Checking	$500.00	$3.17	$6.33	$493.67	1%
Movie House Rentals	$2,400.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,400.00	0%
Total Income	**$296,926.00**	**$25,908.98**	**$75,325.69**	**$221,600.31**	**25%**
EXPENSES			**YTD Expense**	**Funds Remaining**	**% Used**
Association Dues	$1,720.00	$0.00	$545.00	$1,175.00	32%
City of Van Water Well	$50,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$50,000.00	0%
Meeting Expenses	$500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$500.00	0%
Professional Services	$15,000.00	$0.00	$200.00	$14,800.00	1%
Special Projects - Parks & Rec	$10,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10,000.00	0%
Movie House Cleaning	$1,800.00	$0.00	$300.00	$1,500.00	17%
Movie House Electric/Internet	$4,482.00	$366.75	$721.57	$3,760.43	16%
Movie House Insurance	$2,550.00	$0.00	$2,550.00	$0.00	100%
Movie House Maint. Bldg & Grounds	$3,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,000.00	0%
Facilities/City Hall Expenses	$6,000.00	$538.72	$2,208.96	$3,791.04	37%
Supplies	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	0%
Computer Software	$5,000.00	$0.00	$254.24	$4,745.76	5%
IT Services	$1,885.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,885.00	0%
Website	$2,665.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,665.00	0%
Salaries	$78,805.17	$3,058.13	$15,487.97	$63,317.20	20%
Advertising	$2,218.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,218.00	0%
Chamber Prize Money	$1,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	0%
Marketing	$5,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	0%
Promotional Events/Trade Shows	$4,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$4,000.00	0%
Conferences/Training	$5,000.00	$0.00	$4,992.00	$8.00	100%
Travel/Lodging/Meals	$5,300.83	$0.00	$887.61	$4,413.22	17%
Business Incentive	$30,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	$25,000.00	17%
Projects to be defined	$60,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$60,000.00	0%
Total Expenses	**$296,926.00**	**$3,963.60**	**$33,147.35**	**$263,778.65**	**11%**
NET OPERATING INCOME		**$21,945.38**			

Van Economic Development Corporation

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget FY24-25 - FY25 P&L

Monthly Report December

	MONTH	YTD
Other Income	$ -	$ -
TexPool Interest	$ 934.46	2666.35
CD Interest	$ -	$2,268.49
Total for Other Income	$ 934.46	$4,934.84
Other Expenses	$ -	$0.00
Net Other Income	$ 934.46	**$4,934.84**
Net Income	$ 22,879.84	$ 47,113.18

Type "B" Sales Tax Revenue

Van EDC

DEP.	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-2024	2024-2025	Actual
OCT	14,855.41	17,924.55	16,238.07	18,532.24	21,838.57	19,246.87	19,768.28	20,104.08	26,368.09	26,337.85	23,087.85	August
NOV	19,222.15	18,515.51	20,448.81	16,239.35	19,684.12	20,508.40	20,817.72	16,074.66	25,715.10	27,144.64	26,325.70	Sept.
DEC	19,470.60	24,630.12	11,082.76	16,866.90	18,482.83	20,883.87	20,251.11	20,116.88	23,097.50	21,959.82	25,905.81	Oct.
JAN	16,264.84	19,080.58	15,382.61	16,877.91	19,430.95	17,223.47	18,202.07	22,942.68	22,992.91	25,374.55		Nov.
FEB	19,204.78	26,141.64	18,272.06	18,437.25	19,392.53	22,386.18	22,774.56	24,077.10	23,870.38	27,870.01		Dec.
MAR	13,606.73	7,284.26	17,797.11	18,010.10	19,352.43	18,376.41	18,064.58	20,239.32	24,285.83	19,878.26		Jan.
APR	8,951.50	13,141.06	15,966.36	16,501.16	17,881.80	15,876.37	17,132.74	18,765.42	19,211.96	25,525.00		Feb.
MAY	12,959.51	19,624.21	19,405.74	20,224.74	19,530.43	20,137.62	24,156.93	24,661.09	25,628.99	24,398.03		Mar.
JUNE	12,714.19	12,970.56	18,401.33	17,538.78	18,642.48	17,128.77	21,898.89	22,009.15	25,506.39	22,031.26		April
JULY	13,596.45	14,334.39	17,587.32	17,065.16	19,660.85	20,661.01	20,615.74	22,265.67	21,821.87	20,035.76		May
AUG	21,699.03	20,260.75	17,458.85	22,383.48	18,662.07	22,807.01	24,751.37	27,266.47	26,331.57	25,587.69		June
SEPT	19,041.89	14,700.01	18,054.11	19,528.46	18,973.64	18,791.20	20,402.91	21,964.13	23,794.53	24,504.51		July
TOTAL	**191,587.08**	**208,607.64**	**206,095.13**	**218,205.53**	**231,532.70**	**234,027.18**	**248,836.90**	**260,486.65**	**288,625.12**	**290,647.38**	**75,319.36**	TOTAL

Projected **$294,026.00**

EDC sales tax collected $75,319.36

month $3,945.99 more comparing this month with same month last year

year $218,706.64 less than our projected amount of $294,026.00

Last year comparison - the total for same months

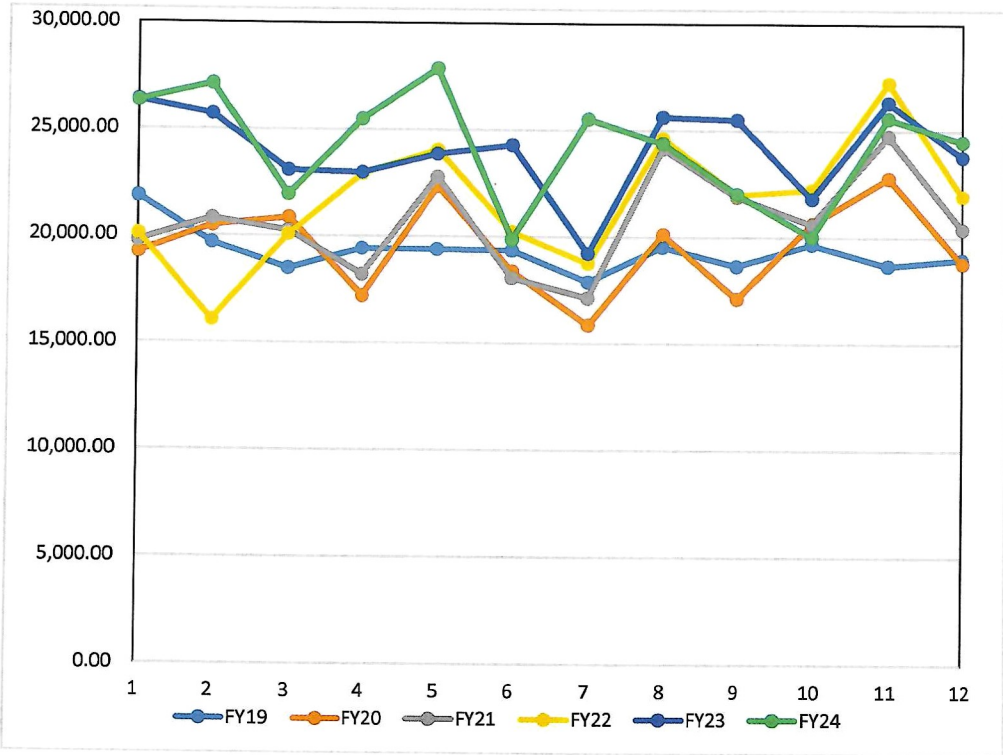
$75,442.31

$122.95 **Less** collected for this year.

Type "B" Sales Tax Revenue

Van EDC

DEP.	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-2024	2024-2025	Monthly Compared to FY23
OCT	14,855.41	17,924.55	16,238.07	18,532.24	21,838.57	19,246.87	19,768.28	20,104.08	26,368.09	26,337.85	23,087.85	($3,250.00)
NOV	19,222.15	18,515.51	20,448.81	16,239.35	19,684.12	20,508.40	20,817.72	16,074.66	25,715.10	27,144.64	26,325.70	($818.94)
DEC	19,470.60	24,630.12	11,082.76	16,866.90	18,482.83	20,883.87	20,251.11	20,116.88	23,097.50	21,959.82	25,905.81	$3,945.99
JAN	16,264.84	19,080.58	15,382.61	16,877.91	19,430.95	17,223.47	18,202.07	22,942.68	22,992.91	25,498.21		($25,498.21)
FEB	19,204.78	26,141.64	18,272.06	18,437.25	19,392.53	22,386.18	22,774.56	24,077.10	23,870.38	27,870.01		($27,870.01)
MAR	13,606.73	7,284.26	17,797.11	18,010.10	19,352.43	18,376.41	18,064.58	20,239.32	24,285.83	19,878.26		($19,878.26)
APR	8,951.50	13,141.06	15,966.36	16,501.16	17,881.80	15,876.37	17,132.74	18,765.42	19,211.96	25,525.00		($25,525.00)
MAY	12,959.51	19,624.21	19,405.74	20,224.74	19,530.43	20,137.62	24,156.93	24,661.09	25,628.99	24,398.03		($24,398.03)
JUNE	12,714.19	12,970.56	18,401.33	17,538.78	18,642.48	17,128.77	21,898.89	22,009.15	25,506.39	22,031.26		($22,031.26)
JULY	13,596.45	14,334.39	17,587.32	17,065.16	19,660.85	20,661.01	20,615.74	22,265.67	21,821.87	20,035.76		($20,035.76)
AUG	21,699.03	20,260.75	17,458.85	22,383.48	18,662.07	22,807.01	24,751.37	27,266.47	26,331.57	25,587.69		($25,587.69)
SEPT	19,041.89	14,700.01	18,054.11	19,528.46	18,973.64	18,791.20	20,402.91	21,964.13	23,794.53	24,504.51		($24,504.51)
TOTAL	**191,587.08**	**208,607.64**	**206,095.13**	**218,205.53**	**231,532.70**	**234,027.18**	**248,836.90**	**260,486.65**	**288,625.12**	**290,771.04**	**75,319.36**	$2,145.92



FY24 Monthly Avg	$ 24,230.92

FY25 YTD Monthly Avg	$ 25,106.45

FY25 Projected Total Based on Avg	$ 301,277.44	Projected Growth over FY24	4%

Sales Tax Revenue Comparisons - November

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Canton	2.000%	$461,873.37	$437,485.07	5.57%	$4,802,378.78	$4,752,639.12	1.04%
Edgewood	2.000%	$49,841.25	$46,379.30	7.46%	$468,125.00	$440,709.25	6.22%
Edom	1.000%	$2,333.07	$2,987.21	-21.89%	$23,467.45	$26,262.20	-10.64%
Fruitvale	2.000%	$8,014.62	$8,519.29	-5.92%	$86,351.48	$87,149.85	-0.91%
Grand Saline	2.000%	$73,749.35	$80,791.15	-8.71%	$718,944.96	$720,405.12	-0.20%
Van	2.000%	$113,636.91	$108,578.55	4.65%	$1,145,221.20	$1,067,707.54	7.25%
Wills Point	2.000%	$216,379.44	$189,367.41	14.26%	$2,083,752.62	$2,054,780.40	1.40%

Month	Net Payment	$ Change	% Change	Total Collections	% Change	Current Collections	% Change	Audit Collections	% Change	# of Taxpayers	# of Outlets
November 2024	$113,636.91	$5,058.36	4.66%	$116,224.25	4.84%	$123,242.37	7.15%	-$8,779.75	0.38%	1,153	47

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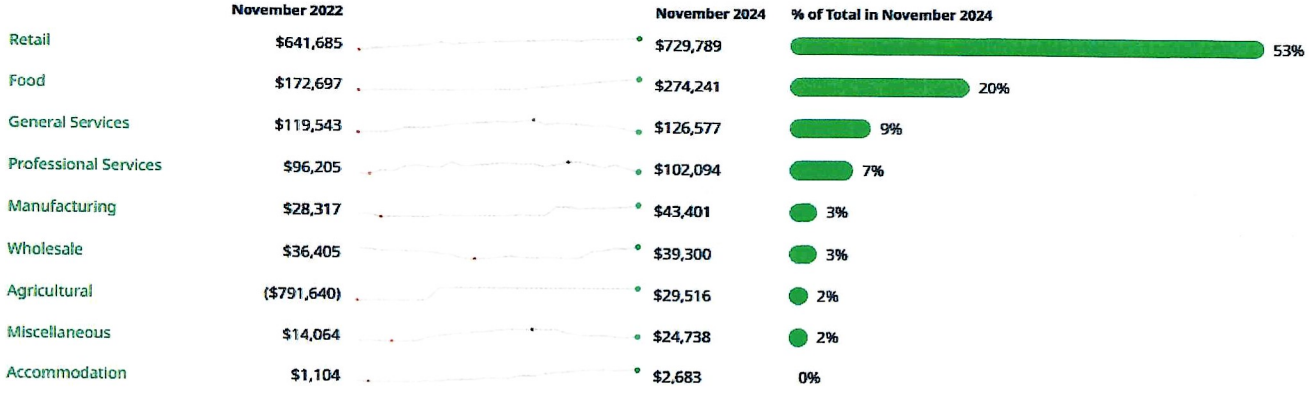

Sales Tax Revenue Comparisons December

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Canton	2.000%	$439,951.82	$407,109.92	8.06%	$5,242,330.60	$5,159,749.04	1.60%
Edgewood	2.000%	$40,351.11	$38,638.41	4.43%	$508,476.11	$479,347.66	6.07%
Edom	1.000%	$1,665.06	$1,343.39	23.94%	$25,132.51	$27,605.59	-8.95%
Fruitvale	2.000%	$7,418.73	$8,184.31	-9.35%	$93,770.21	$95,334.16	-1.64%
Grand Saline	2.000%	$61,436.12	$62,635.00	-1.91%	$780,381.08	$783,040.12	-0.33%
Van	2.000%	$112,772.17	$87,839.27	28.38%	$1,257,993.37	$1,155,546.81	8.86%
Wills Point	2.000%	$177,694.88	$190,228.70	-6.58%	$2,261,447.50	$2,245,009.10	0.73%

Month	Net Payment	$ Change	% Change	Total Collections	% Change	Current Collections	% Change	Audit Collections	% Change	# of Taxpayers	# of Outlets
December 2024	$112,772.17	$24,932.90	28.38%	$115,050.15	28.98%	$110,810.87	12.36%	-$8,952.48	11.41%	1,119	44

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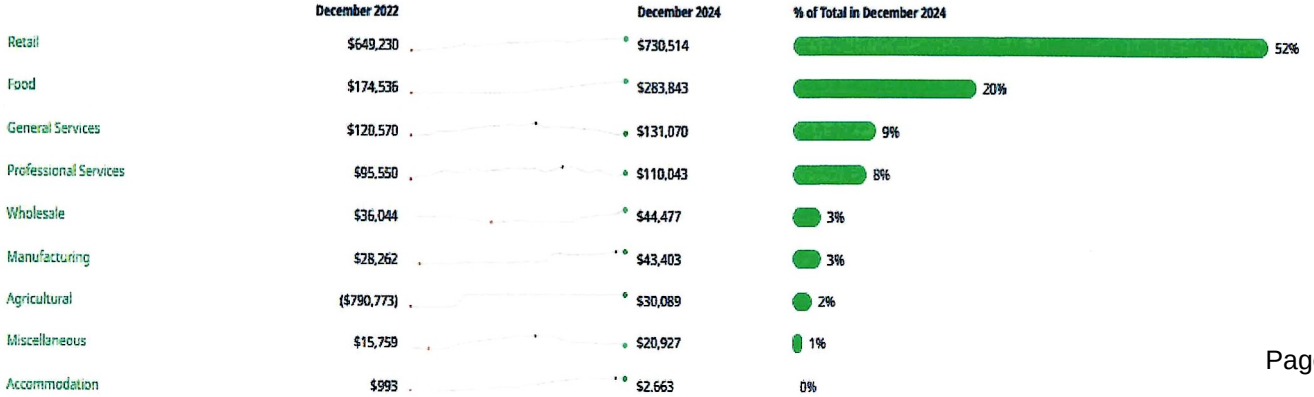

EDC Directors Report for January 29, 2025

Updates:

I have received everyone's certificates from the Sales Tax training class. I really appreciate your time and dedication to serve the community.

The Fairfield by Marriott was sold and as of the 16th of January they are being managed by Midas Hospitality.

The City Council has updated a zoning ordinance that requires those applying for a zoning change to post a sign on the property.

Water well #4 is online. The City Council is working on ways to fund the redrill of well #3. They voted to bring a Resolution to the February meeting about funding through a bond.

I have been working on updating property owner/business information.
Lisa Mays-Gonzales is a member of the Van Zandt Historical Commission and she is going to apply for the Texas Treasure Business Award on behalf of Van qualifying businesses.
The requirement is that the businesses have been in continuous for-profit operation in the State of Texas for at least 50 years.

I filed our annual report with the Texas Comptroller's office.

We have a Mexican food restaurant opening next to Posh Wash in the Van Plaza.

Meetings & Training:

November 26 - Planning & Zoning Meeting

December 12 – Kiwanis Meeting

December 19 – Business Networking Reception @ 3 Knock's BBQ & Bistro
City Council Meeting

January 9 – City Council Meeting (I viewed online)

January 27 – Innovation and Entrepreneurial Strategies -CTED Course

January 28 – Talent Ecosystem and Workforce Development -CTED Course

2022 In Review

- Danny Morrow, Chase Penny, and Candice Myers joined the EDC Board.
- A Business Survey, Business Inventory, and Available Property Inventory is created.
- Began monthly event "3rd Thursday Picking Circle" held at the Movie House.
- Hosted two Business Networking Receptions.
- Approved the following: EDC Executive Director Job Description.
  Budget for FY2022-2023.
  New Movie House rental rates.
- Movie House exterior project completed.
- EDC Bylaws updated.
- Joined TexPool.

2023 In Review

- Workshop held with speaker Carlton Schwab, Texas Economic Development Council President.
- Set two goals: the EDC Website and a Monthly Activity Report.
- Hosted three Business Networking Receptions.
- Approved the following: EDC Purchasing Policy and Procedures.
  Business Agreement for use of the Movie House.
  Business Assistance Application and the process.
  Budget for FY2023-2024.
  Business Recognition Program.
  Food Trucks selling on EDC property.
- Researched Downtown Light Project.
- Board training with EDC Attorney, Jeff Moore.
- Coordinated Van Oil Museum- Fun & Facts Day.
- Lance Pomykal, TxDOT, area engineer attended EDC Meeting to discuss I-20 corridor expansion.
- Election of Officers.
- Dwayne Wheeler, Ivy Lopez, and Ernie Burns joined the EDC Board.
- Hosted Strategic Planning Workshop with City Council.
- Three new businesses held job fairs at the Movie House.

2024 In Review

- Implemented a matching Façade Grant program with a $20,000 budget for $5000 maximum grant per business.
- Received the 2023 TEDC Economic Excellence Award
- Coordinated 2nd Van Oil Museum- Fun & Facts Day.
- Hosted a new June Jamboree Shop Local event
- The Movie House parking lot was resurfaced.
- With the creation of the EDC webpage, we are receiving leads from the Governor's office.
- Completed "Welcome to Van" pamphlets and they are available at 11 Texas Travel Centers.
- Re-appointment of Danny Morrow, Chase Penny, and Candice Myers on the EDC Board, and appointment of Candace Gore to the Board.
- Hosted two Business Networking Receptions.
- Paid off Park Row $378,163.65 debt 4 yrs. and 8 mos. early. Saving around $35,891.80 in interest.

- Approved the following: EDC Purchasing Policy and Procedures.
  Façade Grant Program.
  Budget for FY2024-2025.
- EDC Board completed Sales Tax Workshop, Public Information Act, and Open Meetings Act training.

Incentives Awarded - $169,291.80

In 2022 - Van Family Medical received $7000.00 for Business Expansion and Retention Assistance.
Taco Bell received $30,000.00 per City Administrator to fulfil the EDC Business Incentive.
In 2023 – Parks and Recreation received $11,511.84 for improvements to two parks.
City of Van, public works received $50K for assistance with water well #4.
In 2024 – Parks and Recreation received $10,000 for shade structures at the Baseball fields.
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East Texas Seals received $5000 Façade Grant.
Clean Brew received $379.96 Façade Grant.
FR Girls received $4400.00 Façade Grant.

Van EDC is inspiring strategic growth, supporting down-home charm, and working for a better tomorrow.