Minutes

Regular Meeting Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting:	February 13, 2014
Time of Meeting:	5:00 P.M.
Location:	Council Meeting Room, Bellville City Hall
	30 South Holland St., Bellville, TX 77418

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge
- 2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum **Present: Bob Buckner, Pat Burns, Monte Byrd, Danny Jacob. C.L. Roy joined at 5:05. Absent: Clark McKinley, Paul Jones**
- 3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted **Mr. Jacob motion to approve, Mr. Buckner 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.**
- 4. Public Comment (3-Minute Remarks of Speakers who have completed Sign-in Sheet) AND Receipt of Grant Applications. **None**
- 5. Questions and Comments from Board Members (discussion is limited to statements of policy or statements of factual matters, or the request that a matter be placed on the next meeting's agenda) **None**
- 6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held. **Mr. Buckner motion to approve. Mr. Jacob 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.**
- 7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. Mr. Jacob presented report. Sales tax revenue down substantially for the month at \$14,869.35. Total current assets are \$495,635.97. The parking lot and pavilion now appear on the balance sheet, giving total assets of \$989,662.04. Bills presented for payment were: \$173.25 to KGA DeForest for draw; \$63 to Bellville Times for notices; \$59,700.64 to City of Bellville for Clark Park Bond Obligation; \$198.44 & \$53.67 to City of Bellville for utilities for parking lot & statue respectively; \$200 to LeAnn Luedeker for monthly contract and \$3,111.63 to Britten for final printing of banners. Mr. Burns made motion to approve report and pay bills as presented. Mr. Buckner 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.
- 8. Discussion and Action as needed on proposal for EDC Downtown Master Plan review by KGA DeForest. Mr. Byrd presented proposal from KGA DeForest to review the Master Plan study prepared by Texas A&M and to make recommendations for options for future development. The proposed fee is \$3,900 plus reimbursable expenses. Mr. Byrd argued in favor of the proposal, saying this is the next logical step in the process started by the A&M study. Mr. Buckner stated he believed the focus should exclude the area of the courthouse, and focus on the outer ring of the square, and should incorporate the proposal made by the Hord family to improve

parking area behind the Neely building. Mr. Burns asked that KGA co-ordinate with the City Administration to understand which parts of the Square area were privately owned, and which were City owned. Mr. Buckner made motion to approve the proposal from KGA as long as it doesn't focus on the Courthouse proper. Mr. Jacob 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

- 9. Update and Action as needed on Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park project. Mr. Byrd stated that the new sign should be up in a week or so, and that the sign company was going to work with landscaper to place the sign and landscaping around it. Mr. Byrd stated once the sign was up, a formal dedication could be scheduled. He also asked that an item be placed on the March agenda on setting up permanent landscaping maintenance.
- 10. Update and Action as needed on Pole Banner project. Mr. Burns stated that the banners on the square and on front street were up. Brackets have been placed for the other entrances to town. There was some miscommunication with the state over the notification of the placement of those, and the City Manager was working with the local office.
- 11. Discussion and Action as needed on joint workshop with Bellville City Council. Mr. Byrd stated that City Council would like to have a joint workshop, probably in the last two weeks of March. No date had been set yet.
- 12. Action as needed to update bank signature cards. **Cards were not available, will be done at March meeting**
- 13. Executive Session under Govt. Code Sec. 551.071, 551.072 and 551.087 to discuss legal matters with attorney, real property negotiations, and/or economic development negotiations. **None**
- 14. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. None
- 15. Adjournment