## **Minutes**

## Regular Meeting Bellville Economic Development Corporation

<u>Date of Meeting:</u> March 5, 2015 <u>Time of Meeting:</u> 5:00 P.M.

<u>Location:</u> 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, Paul Jones, Clark McKinley, Bruce Harrison, Danny Jacob. Quorum certified.**
- 3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted Mr. Jones motion to approve, Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Public Comment (3-Minute Remarks of Speakers who have completed Sign-in Sheet) AND Receipt of Grant Applications. Nancy Dornon came before the board to introduce herself. She is the new Executive Director of the Bellville Chamber of Commerce. She said she was excited to start, felt the Chamber was moving in a positive direction, and looked forward to working with the EDC on helping Bellville move forward.
- 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. McKinley made motion to approve, Mr. Jacob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.
- 7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. Mr. Jacob presented report. Total current assets are \$635,693.32. Income for February was \$34,057.45. So far the EDC is pacing about \$12,000 ahead of budget on income. Bills presented for payment: \$407 to Brown and Hofmeister for legal services, \$129.31 and \$57.65 to City of Bellville for utilities, \$120 to JMA Living Landscapes for Maintenance, \$87.07 to AT&T Mobility for marketing phone, \$1,200 and \$465.87 to Renee Sullins for contract hours and mileage reimbursement. (Also \$641.29 to Renee Sullins to reimburse for banner supplies. This was in a supplemental motion later in the meeting), \$200 to LeAnn Luedeker for monthly contract, \$1,421.89 to Wendt Flooring for 2<sup>nd</sup> payment on Storefront Grant, and \$10,350 to GIS Planning for ZoomProspector annual renewal. Mr. Burns made motion to approve report and pay bills as presented. Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.

- 8. Marketing Consultant's report. Discussion and Action as needed. Ms. Sullins outlined her work for the month. The street banners came in under budget. Ms. Sullins found a new supplier with a much cheaper price, and was happy with the results. She attended two seminars sponsored by HGAC on promoting Main Street. She says she got a number of good ideas, and made contacts in surrounding towns. She is very happy with the results of the Facebook pages, and they already seem to be making an impact. Mr. Byrd asked about the progress of the Rock the Square event. The event has been moved to Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> after consultation with the City. Mr. Jones asked about the Farmer's Market. Ms. Sullins says she has talked with the City about getting a waiver on street banners to be able to leave the Farmer's Market Banner up longer. There will be an organizational meeting for the Market on March 25th. Mr. Burns said he would have more to report after that meeting. Mr. Harrison asked about a common community calendar. Ms. Sullins said she was working to post events on the Facebook page and on the website, and talked with possibly working with the Chamber to pool information to include more events.
- 9. Discussion and Action as needed on Bell Street Redevelopment project. Mr. Byrd said the EDC attorney had amended the contract as approved by the Board in February. We are now waiting for City Council approval of the contract.
- 10. Discussion and Action as needed on maintenance for Statue/Pavilion. Mr. Buckner said one prospective contractor picked up the packet, but so far no bids have been returned. There may be some confusion over the insurance requirements, and Mr. Buckner will reach out to prospective bidders to clear up the confusion.
- 11. Action as needed on bank signature cards. Mr. Jacob made motion to remove C.L. Roy from the bank signature cards, and add Bruce Harrison. Mr. Burns 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.
- 12. 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. **Executive session at 5:28, ended at 5:32.**
- 13. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. No action needed. But Mr. Burns amended earlier motion on item 7 to include reimbursement to Ms. Sullins for banner supplies, Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.
- 14. Adjournment **5:34**