

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2012
Time of Meeting: 4:00 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 were Monte Byrd, Robert Buckner, Paul Jones and Pat Burns. C.L. Roy joined at 4:30. Absent were Clark McKinley and Danny Jacob.**
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted. **Approved**
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**
- 5.5 Election of Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) **Board agreed to postpone until a larger number of board members were present.**
6. Consideration and Action to Approve **Minutes** of Previous Meeting held. **Approved**
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. **The following bills were approved. \$10,350 to GIS Planning for renewal of website hosting. \$15, 026.13 to KGA Deforest Design for Jan & Feb statements for preliminary plans and designs for Mini-Park & Parking area. \$400 to Leann Luedeker for Feb. & March contract for services. \$157.50 to the Bellville Times for notice ads. \$18.50 to Brown and Hofmeister for legal services for Audit request. \$175 to TX Economic Develop. Council for annual membership. \$59, 944.38 to City of Bellville for Clark Park debt. Total approval was for \$75, 521.51**
8. Discussion with Architect Bob DeForest regarding Parking Lot and Mini-Park phase of downtown improvements (Phase 1) and action as needed. **Mr. Deforest presented three Master Plan options. He emphasized they were starting points and parts could be mixed or changed as requested. Plan A calls for cantilevered parking covers in middle of parking lot and adding an amphitheater to Mini-park. Price for parking lot projected at \$502, 119. Price for Mini-Park \$221,718. 75. Option B calls for**

cantilevered parking running along half of middle, along with shaded parking near park. Projected price for parking area \$467,090.19. Mini-Park \$216,881.25.

Option C proposes a covered building for the parking lot. Projected price \$540,190.19 for parking, \$221,288.75. Board members expressed support for option C with continuing dialogue on modifications. No action taken

- 8.5 Consideration and action for hire surveyor for Downtown Improvements (Phase I). **Approved sole bid of Alexander Surveying at an estimated cost of \$7,000 to \$8,000. Time frame 2 to 3 weeks.**
9. Discussion/Update regarding funding and acquisition of Stephen F. Austin Statue, gateway improvements and maintenance and action as needed. **Chairman Byrd updated that HGAC has accepted consideration of matching grant and sent it to appropriate committee. Awaiting decision.**
10. 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**
11. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. **None**
12. Adjournment