## Agenda

## Regular Meeting Bellville Economic Development Corporation

<u>Date of Meeting:</u> May 4, 2017 <u>Time of Meeting:</u> 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, Paul Jones, Clark McKinley, Bruce Harrison, John Moore. Absent: Danny Jacob. Quorum certified.**
- 3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted Mr. Moore motion to approve, Mr. Harrison second. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Public Comment (3-Minute Remarks of Speakers who have completed Sign-in Sheet) AND Receipt of Grant Applications Darrel Burditt appeared to introduce his company, Trademark and Intellectual Property Solutions, which was moving to Bellville. Mr. Burditt said his company was involved in a number of different projects, mainly acquiring licenses from owners of trademarks and intellectual property to use them in such things as logo placement on apparel or making games on gaming devices. He discussed manufacturing t-shirts for groups like the University of Texas, and was interested in learning more about what grants might be available to expand his business here.
- 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). Mr. Jones said he had been meeting with the Turnverein group which had talked with the board in April, and thought they were making good progress toward their goal of organizing.
- 6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held. Mr. McKinley noted his name had been incorrect in the minutes, made motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Moore second. Motion approved unanimously.
- 7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. Mr. Moore presented report. Sales tax revenue for the month was \$17,064.91. Total current assets are \$654,116.13. Bills presented for payment: \$202.07,\$47.80, and \$50.33 to City of Bellville for utilities,\$1,460 to Environmental Solutions for the asbestos survey on 17 W. Main, \$50.40 to the Bellville Times for notices, \$37 to Brown and Hofmeister for legal services, \$655 to Glasco & co for lawn maintenance, and \$250 to LeAnn Luedeker for monthly contract. Mr. Moore also noted in the Marketing report by the Chamber that Houston First had issued a reimbursement check. of \$6,000 for advertising. Mr. Burns motion to approve report and pay bills as presented. Mr. Buckner second. Motion approved unanimously.
- 9. Consideration and Action as needed on Downtown Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Jones said that at the March meeting, the board had made it clear it wanted to continue with the existing plan for Downtown Redevelopment. He noted that last month preliminary drawings and pricing had been presented for redeveloping the

remaining sidewalk along Palm Street as well as North Holland. He said he had preliminary discussions with Wells Fargo, and that while it appeared they were interested in repaving their own parking lot, they did not seem interested in helping with any costs for improving the rest of the area around their building. He noted there was no grant money available from HGAC. The initial estimate from KGA DeForest was that the entire project which would mirror the Bell Street project would be around \$300,000. After discussion, it was noted that replacing the retaining wall on Palm Street and installing a sidewalk would be around \$142,000. It was believed the retaining wall is actually on the City easement. Mr. Moore noted it might be possible to have City crews do some of the work to reduce costs. After discussion, it was agreed to have Mr. Jones and Mr. McKinley meet with KGA to walk the property, and ask KGA to appear at the next meeting to look at options.

- 10. Consideration and Action as needed on City of Bellville GIS. Mr. Jones said that City Administrator Shawn Jackson was still investigating, and did not yet have any further information on the project. No Action needed.
- 11. Consideration and Action as needed on joint Workshop with City Council. Mr. Moore said with the new Council coming after the election on Saturday, it would be helpful to have a joint workshop with the City Council and the EDC to plan ahead for the year, and to get everyone on the same page. He felt it could streamline planning and help each group understand the other. Mr. Moore made a motion expressing the EDC's support for requesting a joint workshop with City Council. Mr. McKinley second. 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. **None**
- 13. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. **None**
- 14. Adjournment. **5:35**