## **Minutes**

## Regular Meeting Bellville Economic Development Corporation

<u>Date of Meeting:</u> May 5, 2016 <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, Monte Byrd, Paul Jones, Bruce Harrison, Danny Jacob. Absent: Clark McKinley. Quorum certified.**
- 3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted: Mr. Jacob motion to approve, Mr. Harrison 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 **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. Harrison** 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 \$748,602.46. Monthly sales tax collections continue to fall. Revenue for April was \$19,942.62. Mr. Jacob said so far for the year, revenue is down around \$23,000. Bills presented for payment were: \$177.87 and \$53.28 to City of Bellville for utilities, \$580 to Glasco & Co. for monthly maintenance, \$37 to Brown & Hofmeister for legal services, \$433.92 and \$180 to KGA DeForest for Bell Street Project and Courthouse Study, \$721.96 to Upchurch Architects for Bell St. Project, and \$250 to LeAnn Luedeker for monthly contract. Mr. Burns made motion to approve report and pay bills as presented. Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.
- 8. Consideration and Action as needed on request for signage grant for Bellville Community Foundation. **Funding request was not available yet. Issue tabled.**
- 9. Consideration and Action as needed on Bell Street redevelopment and Downtown Revitalization Project and Square parking. Warren Neal, representing KGA DeForest said the EDC portion of the project is underway. The work will be done in phases to avoid disrupting commercial activity. The first portion being done is on the Main

street side. The existing sidewalk has been torn out, a new retaining wall is being built. After that section is finished, work will move North on Bell street. Mr. Neal explained the sidewalk will gradually ramp down, with level areas in front of each side door.

- 10. Consideration and Action as needed on maintenance contract renewal for Bishop Pavilion and Austin statue area. The annual contract for maintenance is up. There are two bidders, the existing contractor Glasco & Co of Brenham, and JMA Living Landscapes of Bellville. The Glasco bid is the same as last year, 26 visits for \$6960 a year, or \$580 a month. JMA bid calls for 24 visits for \$550.82 per month, or \$6610 a year. Mr. Buckner said after looking over the proposals, the JMA bid appeared to be less expensive, but did not include checks on the irrigation system. Any checks would be done at an additional cost. Mr. Buckner was also concerned that JMA is not a licensed irrigator, and Glasco is. He felt that the Glasco bid was still superior to JMA. Mr. Burns said his preference was always to go with the local contractor, but also expressed concern over the possible additional costs with the irrigation system. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the Glasco & Co. bid. Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.
- 11. 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**
- 12. Action on matters considered in Executive Session.
- 13. Adjournment **5:22**