

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: September 7, 2017
Time of Meeting: 5:00 P.M.
Location: First National Bank Civic Center
12 North Bell St., Bellville, TX 77418

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum **Present: Delwin Rettig, Pat Burns, Paul Jones, Danny Jacob, Clark McKinley, Garrett Dornon. Absent: Bruce Harrison. Quorum certified.**
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted **Mr. Jacob motion to approve, Mr. McKinley second. 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). **Mr. Dornon said he had begun research on a website replacement. Noted by neighboring EDC's used a company called EZTask. Asked to put discussion on the website on the next month agenda. Mr. Jones noted that Mr. Harrison had submitted his resignation, and the Mayor would be appointing a replacement.**
6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held. **Mr. Dornon motion to approve, Mr. McKinley second. Motion approved unanimously.**
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. **Mr. Jacob presented report. Sales tax and interest income for the month was \$23,793.70. Total current assets are \$705,711.59. Bills presented for payment: \$213.09, 42.99 & 139.93 to City of Bellville for utilities, \$63 to Bellville Times for Notices, \$37 to Brown and Hofmeister for legal services, \$700 to All Out Outdoors for maintenance, and \$250 to LeAnn Luedeker for monthly contract. Mr. Rettig asked about the possibility of pre-paying the Clark Park debt to clear it off the books. Mr. Jones said that had been looked into before, but when the City refinanced the debt, the date for pre-payment was moved back. Mr. Rettig stated it might be worth it to even pay the City the lump sum owed to discharge the obligation. Mr. Jones suggested talking to the City Attorney or Administrator to see what the options were. Mr. Rettig asked to put the matter on a future agenda. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented. Mr. McKinley second. Motion approved unanimously. As part of Chamber of Commerce Marketing report, Reesa Ueckert gave an update on the Hurricane Harvey relief effort organized by the Chamber. She talked about the huge effort put on to deliver clothes, food and cleaning supplies to communities across Southeast Texas from Rockport to Orange. She said Bellville became the hub of relief efforts for our area, getting everything from tractor trailers to cattle trailers to haul supplies. 57 businesses and 17 non-profits participated. Every box that went out had either a sticker saying Bellville Chamber of Commerce or "With love from Bellville" on it. In one community, Lumberton, the supplies from**

Bellville were the first help to reach it from any community or agency. Members of the board commended Ms. Ueckert and her family and the Chamber board and staff for all their hard work and efforts.

8. Consideration and Action as needed on EDC 2017-2018 Budget. **Mr. Jacob presented the budget as discussed the previous meeting. Total anticipated revenue was set at \$267,015. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Mr. Jacob second. Motion approved unanimously.**
9. Consideration and Action on repairs and maintenance on Austin Statue. **Mr. Jacob noted that he had purchased a home drip hose system when the roses around the statue was first planted several years ago, and that the system had dry rotted. He suggested it was time to install a commercial grade system. Kara Rathbone from All Out Outdoors, which holds the maintenance contract, presented a proposal to install a commercial system. The proposal called for installing a controller, valve, valve box, and 100 feet of drip hose, plus pulling out dead rose plants, and replanting roses with low maintenance low height shrubs, so that the Austin name on the statue isn't blocked. Total cost including labor would be \$2,749.27. There was discussion on the type of plant best to use, and it was agreed to use a combination of juniper with jasmine. Mr. Jacob motion to approve, Mr. McKinley second. Motion approved unanimously.**
10. Consideration and Action as needed on bank signature cards. **Mr. Garrett Dornon and Mr. Delwin Rettig needed to be added to the bank signature cards. Mr. Jacob motion to approved their addition, Mr. Burns second. Motion approved unanimously.**
11. Consideration and Action as needed on Storefront Grant Application from Amy's Unique Boutique. **Mr. Burns presented the application to replace the existing faded sign with a new one. Total cost was estimated at \$800 making the store eligible for a matching grant of \$400. Mr. Rettig motion to approve grant, Mr. Jacob second. Motion approved unanimously.**
12. Consideration and Action as needed on Storefront Grant Application revision. **Mr. Burns said that after a question the previous month, the board attorney had advised that Sales Tax information provided by a business was not public record and should be kept confidential. Mr. Burns added a new line to the application, advising that the information would be kept confidential. Mr. Rettig made motion to approve application as presented. Mr. McKinley second. Motion approved unanimously.**
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. **5:47**