Minutes

Regular Meeting Bellville Economic Development Corporation

<u>Date of Meeting:</u> September 12, 2013

<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, C.L. Roy, Danny Jacob. Quorum certified.**
- 3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted Motion to Approve by Mr. Roy, 2nd by Mr. McKinley. Motion Approved.
- 4. Public Comment (3-Minute Remarks of Speakers who have completed Sign-in Sheet)
 AND Receipt of Grant Applications. No Speakers. Grant Application accepted from
 Lanzano Leather for storefront improvement
- 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** motion, **Mr. Roy** 2nd. **Motion approved.**
- 7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. Mr. Jacob presented report. Total current assets are \$804, 910.90. Sales tax revenue was \$30, 593.54. Total sales tax revenue for the year is pacing about \$43,000 ahead of budget. Bills presented for payment were \$3,008.10 for KGA DeForest for Parking Lot Draw, \$63 to Bellville Times for notices, \$26.26 to City of Bellville for parking lot monthly water bill, and \$200 to LeAnn Luedeker for August contract for services. Mr. Jacob pointed out that due to timing of meetings, EDC actually received a late notice from the City for non-payment of the water bill. Recommended that we authorize Ms. Luedeker to set up automatic withdrawal with the City. Mr. Roy made motion to allow automatic withdrawal for city utility payments, approve treasurers report, and pay bills as presented. Mr. McKinley 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

- 8. Consideration and Action as needed on maintenance for S.F. Austin statue. Mr. Byrd stated that the Bellville Community Foundation was willing to take over maintenance of the flower garden around the statue in exchange for the EDC covering their costs. Mr. Roy made motion to pay the Bellville Community Foundation \$1,500 per year in exchange for maintenance. Mr. McKinley 2nd. Motion unanimously approved.
- 9. Consideration and Action as needed on Bishop Pavilion at Chesley park project. Mr. DeForest of KGA DeForest presented update. They met with the neighbors around the project to discuss transition issues with their properties. All looked good except on side with Land Bank. There was concern that because of changes in grade, there was a small drop-off that could be an issue if people drove through the lot. Mr. DeForest was working with the Land Bank to either install curbstops, or to put in metal posts with a cable attached to mark off the area. The structure should be delivered in a week, and the project looked on track for an October 15th opening. Mr. DeForest recommended approving a request for pay application #4 for D.L. Meachem L.P. for \$99,573.30, but hold the check until the building is actually delivered. Mr. Jones made motion to approve payment pending delivery of building. Mr. McKinley 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.
- 10. Consideration and Action as needed on light pole banner project. Mr. Byrd stated that the first banners for the Fair will arrive by Sept. 16th. He recommended that we install the double banners on the Square first, and then get others up as more banners are printed.
- 11. Consideration and Action as needed on Storefront revitalization project. Mr. Byrd stated that we have been approved by the City Attorney to handle all the projects without individual Council approval, as long as the project is included and approved in each year's budget. Mr. Burns volunteered to be the liason between the businesses and the EDC on requests. First request is from Lanzano Leather. She presented a proposal for painting her building and putting up a sign. The bid received for the painting was for \$1500 & the sign was for \$436. EDC matching would be \$750 for painting and \$218 for sign. Mr. Buckner pointed out painting estimate did not include sales tax, and application did not include last 3 months of sales tax payments from business. Mr. Burns said he would get those details worked out, and proposal would be up for approval at next month's EDC meeting.
- 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. **EDC convened Executive Session at 5:37. Session Ended at 5:52.**
- 13. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. **None needed**
- 14. Adjournment 5:52.