

**20 December 2005 Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

David Ottmer called the Regular Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2005, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Warren Scott offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Wayne Browning, Warren Scott, David Ottmer, Jim Freeman, Allene Schmitt, Andrew Lienhard, and Jim Bishop. A quorum was certified. Executive Director Carolyn Gibson was present.

Motion was made by Wayne Browning, and seconded by Warren Scott, to accept the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wayne Browning, with a second by Warren Scott, to accept Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 15, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Warren Scott, based on Bank Statement, Balance Sheet, and YTD Profit & Loss. Balance in Checking Account as of November 30th was \$194,413.13. November Sales Tax Income of \$18,373.13 and Interest Income of \$254.10 resulted in total monthly deposits of \$18,627.23. Checks totaling \$3,225.00 were posted. Balance Sheet showed the following current Certificates of Deposit: Guaranty Bank- \$85,829.13, Wells Fargo- \$100,919.77, and Industry State Bank- \$101,051.36. Total Current Assets as of November 30, 2005 are \$482,213.39. Interest earned on CD's for November was \$895.99. An outstanding bill was presented for payment to Bellville Chamber of Commerce \$3,000.00 for Contract of Services.

Motion to approve report and payment of bills by Jim Freeman was seconded by Wayne Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #8

Acceptance of any Grant Applications Presented

Preston and Paula McNeely presented an application for a grant from BEDC for their restaurant, Pop's on the Square Café. Both are natives of Louisiana who have been in Bellville since 1998. They bought the building on the Square in December of 2003. Preston's company sent them to Paris and they are recently returned to the USA. They propose to do major renovations to the old "Bellville Restaurant" building both inside and out. They plan to bring the building back to its original look. All costs in the grant proposal are based on cost estimates by local contractors. Several Board members had questions and comments after the presentation. President Ottmer accepted the Grant Application on behalf of the Board.

Agenda Item #9

Committee Reports and any Related Action

Jerome Peters spoke as Chairman of the newly appointed "Land Search and Opportunity Evaluation Committee" nominating Wayne Browning, Carolyn Gibson, Jim Freeman, Kenneth Stein, Wayne Lessman, and Alex Wellborn to serve as committee members. The committee will provide information at the January BEDC meeting. He asked: could BEDC give the committee criteria to use in researching land available in Bellville, was the Board committed to this effort, and what did BEDC want the committee to accomplish. After discussion by the Board, Allene Schmitt made a motion to approve the committee members. Motion was seconded by Jim Freeman, and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10

Executive Director's Comments

Carolyn Gibson provided agendas for the City Council meeting for December 20th, the State Comptroller's Report on Sales Tax Income for 2nd Quarter of 2005 showing Austin County's sales tax receipts were up 179%, and a listing of Hotel/Motel receipts showing a definite need for more hotel rooms locally. She presented information on the San Antonio Rodeo and Texas Yes! Booth February 12/13 with traffic estimated at 130,000 for 2005 and asked if any Directors wished to attend it or the TEDC Winter Meeting January 18-20 at South Padre Island. TEEX has tools for our Economic Development use, and want to work with recipients of TEEX Scholarships (as Carolyn received). She reminded everyone of the Chamber Banquet February 6th and gave the Board a copy of Chamber Happenings for that week.

Agenda Item #11

Questions and Comments from Board of Directors

There were none.

Agenda Item #12

Recess

The regular meeting was recessed at 5:12pm for Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Open Meeting Act: to Discuss or Deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the BEDC has received from a business prospect that the BEDC seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the BEDC and with which the BEDC is conducting economic development negotiations.

Agenda Item #14

Regular Session Reconvenes to Consider any Action

Necessary from Executive Session

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:39pm from Executive Session.

Agenda Item #15

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Allene Schmitt and seconded by Jim Freeman. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40p.m.

Allene Schmitt, Secretary