

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: April 2, 2020
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.
Location: Council Meeting Room, Bellville City Hall
30 South Holland St., Bellville, TX 77418

NOTICE: The BEDC meeting will be closed to the public due to Governor Abbott's disaster declaration related to the COVID-19 virus. During this time, it is not a requirement that the BEDC have a quorum physically present at the BEDC meeting. The public can access the BEDC meeting live through the software provider "Zoom". To access the meeting live, go to www.zoom.com, select "Join a Meeting", and enter 421 613 301 in the Meeting ID section.

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge. **5:35 pm**
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum. **Present in person Garrett Dornon, Reesa Ueckert, Danny Jacob, Ric Flores and present virtually was Rhonda Dean, Trey Werner, and Paul Jones. Quorum certified.**
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted. **Mr. Jacob made a motion to approve Agenda as Posted. Mr. Flores seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.**
4. Public Comment AND Receipt of Grant Applications.
(NOTICE: The President will ask those attending virtually if they would like to speak during this time. Those wanting to speak will be given 3 minutes during this portion of the meeting. For those wanting to speak prior to the discussion of a particular agenda item, please indicate that when the President asks for speakers during this time as well. These speakers will also be given 3 minutes to speak prior to the discussion of a particular agenda item.) 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. Jacob shared the car show had a great turn out. Mrs. Ueckert commended the Air BNB were helping those who needed to be quarantined. Mr. Flores shared about the Covid – 19 drive through testing and Skype if you think you have Covid.**
6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held. **Mrs. Ueckert made a motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting. Mr. Jacob seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.**
7. Consideration and Action to Approve February and March 2020 Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. **Bills presented for payment for a total of \$3,316.80:**
 - **City of Bellville – utilities \$155.32, \$66.50 & \$62.89**
 - **Network Solutions – Website update \$1.99**
 - **Charlene Wehring CPA – March Accounting \$475**
 - **Bellville Times - March Classified Ads \$89.60**
 - **Delwin Rettig for Stephen Austin Bust \$1,380.00**

- **Brown & Hofmeister LLP – February Professional Services, legal \$1,010.50**
- **Austin County News Online \$75.00**

Mrs. Ueckert made a motion to approve February and March 2020 Treasurer’s Report, pay outstanding bills, and investments. Mr. Jacob seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.

8. Consideration and Action to Approve the Advertising and Tourism Report for March 2020 from the Chamber of Commerce. **Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Advertising and Tourism Report for March 2020 and pay invoice of \$24,500. Mr. Werner seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.**
9. Consideration and Action as needed authorizing President and/or Administrative Committee to offer the BEDC Executive Director position to prospective candidate. **Mrs. Ueckert made a motion to go into Executive Session for item #9. Mr. Jacob seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries. Executive Session convened at 6:20 pm and adjourned at 6:45pm. Regular Meeting reconvenes at 6:46pm. Mrs. Ueckert made a motion that we authorize the President and/or Administrative Committee to offer the BEDC Executive Director Position to a prospective candidate and to negotiate and execute an independent contractor agreement. Mr. Jones seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.**
10. Consideration and Action as needed amending the funding timeline of the Phase I Performance Agreement with the Bellville Turnverein Pavilion Restoration Project. **Mr. Mr. Dundrea was in person and Mr. Barron was on phone. Mr. Jacob made a motion to amend the funding timeline to Bellville Turnverein Pavilion Restoration Project and Bellville Economic Development Corporation honor the \$100,000 commitment after certification of completion of Phase 1 except for items that would have to be redone to execute phase 2 and to authorize the President and Treasurer to issue a check. Mr. Jones seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.**
11. Consideration and Action as needed on a resolution authorizing certain financial assistance as a line of credit or other financial assistance to be used for businesses affected by the COVID-19 virus that are located within the city limits of Bellville, Texas. **Each board member took their own assignment.**
12. Consideration and Action as needed to appoint two members of the BEDC to the City of Bellville Strategic Planning Committee. **Mrs. Ueckert made a motion for the current members (Garrett Dornon and Ric Flores) stay on the Bellville Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Flores Seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.**
13. Consideration and Action as needed for ongoing maintenance to Stephen F. Austin bust. **Mr. Flores made a motion to table the discussion on the maintenance to Stephen F. Austin bust until the board addresses the Emergency/Stimulus package. Mrs. Ueckert seconds. Unanimous. Motion carries.**
14. Committee Reports
 - a. Quiet Zone Committee
 - b. Community Relations Committee
 - c. EDC Administration Committee
 - d. Turnverein Committee
 - e. Short Term Rental Committee
 - f. Other committees
15. 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.

16. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. **NONE**

17. Adjournment. **Mr. Jacob made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ueckert seconds. Motion carries. Unanimous. Regular meeting ends at 8:02 pm.**