

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BELLVILLE CITY HALL
30 SOUTH HOLLAND STREET
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge

President Tony Krueger called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Wade McGee led the Invocation and Pledge.

2. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

Present: Tony Krueger, David Garner, Andrew Murrell and Wade McGee.

Absent: Shawna Powell and Dan Bonk

Quorum Certified

3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted

David Garner made a motion to approve agenda as posted. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Petitions and Requests from the Public

(Members of the public that have completed the Sign-In Sheet who wish to speak either on agenda items, or non-agenda items, will be given three (3) minutes during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Speakers wishing to speak at the beginning of a specific agenda item/s will also be given three (3) minutes to speak at the beginning of that agenda item if they have completed the Sign-In Sheet. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board of Directors will not discuss or consider any items addressed during this agenda item. However, the President or Executive Director may make statements of fact, for example, identifying the procedure for reporting an issue or referring the speaker to the cognizant agency or individual.)

NONE

5. Questions and Comments from Board Members

(Discussion is limited to statements of policy or statements of factual matters, or the request of a matter to be placed on the next meeting's agenda.)

No Comments: Wade McGee, David Garner, Andrew Murrell and Tony Krueger

6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting Held:

Regular Meeting, April 6, 2023

Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 Regular Meeting. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve the Advertising and Tourism Reports for April, 2023 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce

Wade McGee made a motion to approve the Advertising and Tourism Reports for April, 2023 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

8. Consideration and Action to Approve April, 2023 Treasurer’s Reports and Payment of Outstanding Bills

Wade McGee made a motion to approve the April, 2023 Treasurer’s Reports and payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$6,695.06. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding Bills

Payee	Explanation	Amount
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Pavilion - AUTODRAFT)	158.30
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Statute - AUTODRAFT)	42.51
Austin County News Online	April 6th BEDC Video Recording, Website Maintenance	150.00
Paramount Promotions	April Executive Director Services	5,500.00
The Bellville Times	April Classified Display & Legals	119.25
City of Bellville	April Accounting Services	250.00
Schultz & Son's Landscapes LLC	April Maintenance	475.00
Total		\$ 6,695.06

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the partial payment of the Business Development Grant approved for 82 Journey LLC in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for improvements at 105 South Mathews Street

David Garner made a motion to approve the partial payment of the Business Development Grant approved for 82 Journey LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00 for improvements at 105 South Mathews Street. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the partial payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Austin County Museum Association in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for improvements at 36 South Bell Street

Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the partial payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Austin County Museum Association in the amount of \$10,000.00 for improvements at 36 South Bell Street. Wade McGee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consideration and Action to Approve the partial payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Bellville Pickleball in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for improvements at 591 South Bell Street

Wade McGee made a motion to approve the partial payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Bellville Pickleball in the amount of \$10,000.00 for improvements at 591 South Bell Street. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with Schiel Enterprise Inc, DBA Hometown Hardware Corporation

Andrew Murrell made a motion to authorize BEDC President to execute a Performance Agreement with Schiel Enterprise Inc, DBA Hometown Hardware Corporation. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and Update concerning potential future Capital Projects

Courthouse Lighting Project
Community Message Board
Mural Project

Updates were given to the Board

14. Committee Reports

a. Administration Committee & Executive Director

**Executive Director Report
May 4, 2023**

Working with City and TxDOT about traffic signal at Highway 36 due to new developments

September, 2023 Traffic Signal Upgrade for radar detection at Newman Bakery. Contractor is waiting on supplies and safety issues are being addressed.

September, 2023 New Traffic Signal at Highway 36 and FM 2429. New and improved entrance to TLD Ramp

Proposed Electrical Improvements to City Parking Lot and Bishop Pavilion (2nd Qtr, 2023)

Continuing to work with City in regards to work schedule for Alley Capital Improvement Projects Utility Upgrades – 2nd Qtr, 2023

TLD Ramp continues to progress in opening to full capacity its major operations facility in Bellville. TLD Ramp has been filming commercials and interviews to promote the Austin County Model and also planning to double the size of the current site in Bellville. Plans for an improved and safer entrance is currently being pursued.

ADA sidewalk grant project with Texas Department of Agriculture has started the process. Currently, TXDOT project bid has been awarded. June, 2023 is anticipated construction start of project with completion by October, 2023

Discussion continuing with 2 possible developers about 40 to 50 room hotel in Bellville.

SBEC community message board – LCRA grant application did not receive funding and will be re-submitted before the July 1st deadline for consideration.

Bishop Park – expanded irrigation to include mini-park interior area

Tree Replacements and low voltage lights

Made presentation at the Houston Galveston Area Council Rural Community High Speed Broadband Conference in Humble Civic Center. City of Bellville was one of the first 2 cities in Texas to have fiber optic available for all of its citizens.

Independent High Speed internet company has been licensed for the Bellville Rural area and is currently seeking funding options.

- b. Business Development Review Committee
- c. Finance Committee

15. Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.072 for Deliberations about Real Property and 551.087 for Deliberations about Economic Development Negotiations

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. Action on matters considered in Executive Session

NONE

17. Adjournment

David Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.