

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

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge

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

2. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

**Present: Dan Bonk, Tony Krueger, David Garner, Andrew Murrell and Shawna Powell**

**Absent: Wade McGee and Mary Sanders**

**Quorum Certified**

3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted

**David Garner made a motion to approve agenda as posted. Shawna Powell 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: Shawna Powell, Dan Bonk, David Garner and Andrew Murrell. Tony Krueger expressed his positive thoughts about the various beautification projects in the City of Bellville.**

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

**Regular Meeting, September 7, 2023**

**Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. Dan Bonk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Dan Bonk made a motion to approve the Advertising and Tourism Reports for September, 2023 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Consideration and Action to Approve September, 2023 Treasurer’s Reports and Payment of Outstanding Bills and Quarterly Investment Report

**David Garner made a motion to approve the September, 2023 Treasurer’s Reports and payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$6,978.20 and the Quarterly Investment Report. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Outstanding Bills**

Payee	Explanation	Amount
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Pavilion - AUTODRAFT)	109.21
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Statute - AUTODRAFT)	42.30
Brown & Hofmeister LLP	August Legal Services	23.50
Austin County News Online	September 7th BEDC Video Recording, Website Maintenance	150.00
Paramount Promotions	September Executive Director Services	5,500.00
Paramount Promotions	Mileage Reimbursement (HGAC Regional Broadband Summit -Humble) 4/20/23 154 Miles \$.655	100.87
Paramount Promotions	Mileage Reimbursement (HGAC Bringing Back Main Street -Rosenberg) 4/25/23 85 Miles \$.655	55.68
Paramount Promotions	Mileage Reimbursement (HGAC Economic Development Strategy -Houston) 8/9/23 88 Miles \$.655	57.64
The Bellville Times	September Classified Display & Legals	64.00
Texas Economic Development Council	Membership Renewal	150.00
City of Bellville	September Accounting Services	250.00
Schultz & Son's Landscapes LLC	September Maintenance	475.00
Total		\$ 6,978.20

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the final payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Bellville Pickleball in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for improvements at 591 South Bell Street

**Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the final payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Bellville Pickleball in the amount of \$6,000.00 for improvements at 591 South Bell Street. Dan Bonk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the final payment of the Business Improvement Grant approved for 82 Journey LLC in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for improvements at 105 South Mathews Street

**Dan Bonk made a motion to approve the final payment of the Business Improvement Grant for 82 Journey LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00 for improvements at 105 South Mathews Street. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**NONE**

12. Action on matters considered in Executive Session

**NONE**

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**  
**October 5, 2023**

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

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

**November, 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 (4th Qtr, 2023)**

**Partially Dead Tree at Bishop Pavilion being cut down in next few weeks**

**Dead Tree at SFA Bust area is being cut down by Texas Department of Transportation**

**Continuing to work with City in regards to work schedule for Alley Capital Improvement Projects Utility Upgrades – 4th Qtr, 2023**

**TLD Ramp continues to progress in opening to full capacity its major operations facility in Bellville. TLD Ramp are finalizing plans to double the size of the current site in Bellville and an improved and safer entrance. In addition, TLD Ramp has a possible 3 more companies moving to the Bellville area.**

**ADA sidewalk grant project with Texas Department of Agriculture is 60% complete. Construction started July 24, 2023 with anticipated completion end of October, 2023**

**Discussion continuing with 2 possible developers about 40 to 50 room hotel in Bellville. The first step of conducting a Hotel Feasibility Study is moving forward. Feasibility study should be completed by November, 2023 or sooner.**

**2 possible business development grant applications are in the process of completion and submittal to the BEDC Grant Review Committee.**

**For fiscal year October, 2022 thru September, 2023, Bellville Economic Development Corporation has awarded the following improvement grants:**

<b>Business Development Grants</b>	<b>\$231,500.00</b>
<b>Non-Profit Improvement Grants</b>	<b>135,000.00</b>
<b>City of Bellville Hotel Feasibility Study</b>	<b><u>8,000.00</u></b>
<b><i>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AWARDED</i></b>	<b><i>\$374,500.00</i></b>

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

**Shawna Powell made a motion to renew all current Certificate of Deposits with the corresponding banking institutions for a term of 5 or 6 month maturity at a rate of 4.88%. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 15. Adjournment

**Shawna Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.**