

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BELLVILLE CITY HALL  
30 SOUTH HOLLAND STREET  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024  
5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge

**Vice-President Wade McGee 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: Shawna Powell, Dan Bonk, Wade McGee and Andrew Murrell**

**Absent: Tony Krueger, Mary Sanders and David Garner**

**Quorum Certified**

3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted

**Dan Bonk made a motion to approve agenda as posted. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Annual Election of Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)

**Shawna Powell made a motion for the following officers for the year 2024:**

**Tony Krueger – President**

**Wade McGee – Vice-President**

**Shawna Powell – Secretary**

**Andrew Murrell – Treasurer**

**Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. 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**

6. 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: Dan Bonk and Shawna Powell**

**Comments: Andrew Murrell and Wade McGee commented about the need for planting more trees due to the drought of the last few years.**

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

**Regular Meeting, December 7, 2023**

**Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. Dan Bonk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

9. Consideration and Action as needed related to update the bank signature cards with the current officers and directors at all participating institutions

**Shawna Powell made a motion to update the bank signature cards with the following current officers and directors at First National Bank of Bellville, Austin County State Bank and Industry State Bank:**

**Tony Krueger (President), Wade McGee (Vice-President), Shawna Powell (Secretary), Andrew Murrell (Treasurer), Dan Bonk, Mary Sanders and David Garner**

**Dan Bonk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Consideration and Action to Approve December, 2023 Treasurer's Reports and Payment of Outstanding Bills

**Dan Bonk made a motion to approve the December, 2023 Treasurer's Reports and payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$14,090.91 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)	111.81
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Statute - AUTODRAFT)	40.10
Austin County News Online	December 7th BEDC Video Recording, Website Maintenance	150.00
Paramount Promotions	December Executive Director Services	5,500.00
The Bellville Times	December Classified Display	64.00
City of Bellville	December Accounting Services	250.00
City of Bellville	Hotel Feasibiity 50% Reimbursement	7,500.00
Schultz & Son's Landscapes LLC	December Maintenance	475.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 14,090.91</b>

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**  
**January 4, 2024**

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

**Street Improvement plans in the courthouse area have started. Anticipated work to start in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2025**

**Plans for Loop around Bellville area are in preliminary stage**

**Traffic Signal Upgrade for radar detection at Newman Bakery. Contractor is waiting on supplies and safety issues are being addressed. Anticipated work to start in April, 2024**

**Work at 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 (1st Qtr, 2024) and New Trees to replace 2 dead trees.**

**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 – 1st Qtr, 2024**

**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 90% complete. Final Walk thru will be January 2024 with anticipated completion end of February, 2024**

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

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

**Assisting Bellville Chamber of Commerce in regards to grants pertaining to community message board**

**Attend Bellville parks board meeting in regards to proposed park improvements**

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

15. Adjournment

**Dan Bonk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.**