

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BELLVILLE CITY HALL
30 SOUTH HOLLAND STREET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge

Secretary Shawna Powell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Dan Bonk led the Invocation and Pledge.

2. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

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

Absent: Tony Krueger, Mary Sanders and Wade McGee

Quorum Certified

3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted

Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve agenda as posted. Dan Bonk 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: Andrew Murrell, David Garner, Dan Bonk and Shawna Powell

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

Regular Meeting, November 9, 2023

Dan Bonk made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023 Regular Meeting. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

David Garner made a motion to approve the November, 2023 Treasurer’s Reports and payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$6,713.17. Dan Bonk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding Bills

Payee	Explanation	Amount
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Pavilion - AUTODRAFT)	132.14
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Statute - AUTODRAFT)	40.10
Austin County News Online	November 9th BEDC Video Recording, Website Maintenance	150.00
Paramount Promotions	November Executive Director Services	5,500.00
The Bellville Times	November Classified Display & Subscription	85.00
City of Bellville	November Accounting Services	250.00
Hometown Hardware	Christmas Supplies Adhesives	32.97
Hometown Hardware	Christmas Supplies Adhesives	47.96
Schultz & Son's Landscapes LLC	November Maintenance	475.00
Total		\$ 6,713.17

9. Consideration and Action to Approve the Final payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Bellville Small Town Christmas in an amount not to exceed \$9,795.00 for Christmas decorations

Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the final payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Bellville Small Town Christmas in the amount of \$9,795 for Christmas Decorations. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the 2024 Bellville Economic Development Corporation Regular Meeting Calendar

David Garner made a motion to approve the 2024 Bellville Economic Development Corporation Regular meeting calendar. Andrew Murrell 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
December 7, 2023

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 1st Quarter, 2025

Plans for Loop around Bellville area are in preliminary stage

November, 2023 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

December, 2023 New Traffic Signal at Highway 36 and FM 2429. New and improved entrance to TLD Ramp. Anticipated work to start within the next few days.

Proposed Electrical Improvements to City Parking Lot and Bishop Pavilion (1st Qtr, 2024)

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 December 2023 with anticipated completion end of January, 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.

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

15. Adjournment

David Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.