

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BELLVILLE CITY HALL  
30 SOUTH HOLLAND STREET  
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 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. David Garner led the Invocation and Pledge.**

2. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

**Present: Shawna Powell, David Garner, Wade McGee and Andrew Murrell**

**Absent: Dan Bonk, Tony Krueger and Mary Sanders**

**Quorum Certified**

3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted

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

4. Presentation from First National Bank of Bellville Representative

**No Presentation**

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: David Garner, Andrew Murrell, Wade McGee and Shawna Powell**

**Comments: None**

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

**Regular Meeting, February 8, 2024**

**Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. Consideration and Action to Approve the Advertising and Tourism Reports for February, 2024 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce

**Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the Advertising and Tourism Reports for February, 2024 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Consideration and Action to Approve February, 2024 Treasurer’s Reports and Payment of Outstanding Bills

**David Garner made a motion to approve the February, 2024 Treasurer’s Reports and payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$32,925.14. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Shawna Powell made a motion to renew the current Certificate of Deposit #2435 for a 5 month term at Austin County State Bank at a rate of 4.75% in the amount of \$106,858.87 and also purchase at new Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Transfer \$50,000.00 from Business Investment Account #3067) for a 5 month term at Austin County State Bank at a rate of 4.75%. Signers will be: Dan Bonk, Tony Krueger, David Garner, Andrew Murrell, Mary Sanders, Wade McGee and Shawna Powell. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Outstanding Bills**

| Payee                          | Explanation  | Amount              |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| City of Bellville              | Monthly Utility Bill (Pavilion - AUTODRAFT)            | 118.02              |
| City of Bellville              | Monthly Utility Bill (Statute - AUTODRAFT)             | 42.62               |
| City of Bellville              | Texas Community Development Grant                      | 26,250.00           |
| Austin County News Online      | February 8th BEDC Video Recording, Website Maintenance | 150.00              |
| Paramount Promotions           | February Executive Director Services                   | 5,500.00            |
| The Bellville Times            | February Classified Display & Published Notice         | 139.50              |
| City of Bellville              | February Accounting Services                           | 250.00              |
| Schultz & Son's Landscapes LLC | February Maintenance                                   | 475.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                   |  | <b>\$ 32,925.14</b> |

10. Consideration and Action to Approve the final payment of the Business Improvement Grant approved for Schiel Enterprise Inc., DBA Hometown Hardware Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00 for improvements at 513 East Main Street

**Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the final payment of the Business Development Grant approved for Schiel Enterprise Inc, DBA Hometown Hardware Corporation in the amount of \$42,500.00 for improvements at 513 East Main Street. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Consideration and Action to Approve the final payment of the Business Improvement Grant approved for Sanders Veterinary Services PLLC in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 for improvements at 763 West Main Street

**David Garner made a motion to approve a partial payment of the Business Development Grant approved for Sanders Veterinary Services PLLC in the amount of \$6,000.00 for improvements at 513 East Main Street. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

12. Consideration and Action to Approve the final payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Austin County Museum Association in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for improvements at 36 South Bell Street

**Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the final payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Austin County Museum Association in the amount of \$15,000.00 for improvements at 36 South Bell Street. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. Consideration and Action as needed to approve the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Type 4B State Comptroller Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2023 (October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023)

**Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Type 4B State Comptroller Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2023 (October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023). Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously**

14. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with Blondie's Hair Salon DBA

**David Garner made a motion to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with Blondie's Hair Salon DBA. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**None**

16. Action on matters considered in Executive Session

**None**

17. Discussion and Update concerning potential future Capital Projects

Courthouse Lighting Project  
Community Message Board  
Mural Project  
Tree Restoration Program

**Updates were given to the Board**

18. Committee Reports

- a. Administration Committee & Executive Director  
**Executive Director Report**  
**March 7, 2024**

**Traffic Signal Upgrade for radar detection at Newman Bakery is moving along.**

**Work at New Traffic Signal at Highway 36 and FM 2429 is moving along also.**

**Proposed Electrical Improvements to City Parking Lot and Bishop Pavilion (1st Qtr, 2024) and New Trees to replace 2 dead trees. White rock and sheathing to be added to planters instead of weeds.**

**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 100% complete.**

**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 improvements to Clarke Park**

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

**Working with Texas A&M Forestry in regards to tree program and soil tests (Grants and Reduced Costs)**

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

**Certificates of Deposits from First National Bank will be maturing next month**

19. Adjournment

**David Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.**