

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BELLVILLE CITY HALL
30 SOUTH HOLLAND STREET
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
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: Andrew Murrell, Tony Krueger, David Garner and Shawna Powell

Absent: Mary Sanders and Wade McGee

Quorum Certified

3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted

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

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

Regular Meeting, August 8, 2024

Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration and Action to Approve the Advertising and Tourism Reports for August, 2024 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce and Quarterly Presentation

Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the Advertising and Tourism Report for August, 2024 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

David Garner made a motion to approve the August, 2024 Treasurer’s Reports and payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$6,785.70. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding Bills

Payee	Explanation	Amount
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Pavilion - AUTODRAFT)	97.44
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Statute - AUTODRAFT)	42.01
Austin County News Online	August 8th BEDC Video Recording, Website Maintenance	150.00
Paramount Promotions	August Executive Director Services	5,500.00
The Bellville Times	August Classified Display & Public Notices (3)	271.25
City of Bellville	August Accounting Services	250.00
Schultz & Son's Landscapes LLC	August Maintenance	475.00
Total		\$ 6,785.70

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

NONE

10. Action on matters considered in Executive Session

NONE

11. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with Bellville Little League, Inc.

Shawna Powell made a motion to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with Bellville Little League, Inc. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with Forge 317 LLC, Phenix Knives and Rocking B

David Garner made a motion to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with Forge 317 LLC, Phenix Knives and Rocking B. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with JL Holding Group/The Bull Pen Athletics LLC

Andrew Murrell made a motion to authorize BEDC President to execute Performance Agreement with JL Holding Group/The Bull Pen Athletics LLC. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

14. 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

Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the Final payment of the Non-Profit Grant approved for Bellville Small Town Christmas in the amount of \$9,795.00. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize the President to execute the Consultant – Independent Contractor Agreement with the Bellville Chamber of Commerce effective October 1, 2024

David Garner made a motion to authorize BEDC President to execute the Consultant – Independent Contractor Agreement with the Bellville Chamber of Commerce effective October 1, 2024. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize the President to execute the Marketing & Promotions Performance Agreement with the Bellville Chamber of Commerce effective October 1, 2024

Andrew Murrell made a motion to authorize BEDC President to execute the Marketing & Promotions Performance Agreement with the Bellville Chamber of Commerce effective October 1, 2024. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Consideration and Action as needed to authorize the President to execute the Executive Director Performance Agreement effective October 1, 2024

Shawna Powell made a motion to authorize the President to execute the Executive Director Performance Agreement effective October 1, 2024 for a monthly amount of \$5,700.00. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Discussion and Update concerning potential future Capital Projects

Courthouse Square Lighting Project
Clark Park LED Lighting Project
Community Message Board
Mural Project

Updates were given to the Board

19. Committee Reports

- a. Administration Committee & Executive Director
**Executive Director Report
September 5, 2024**

Traffic Signal Upgrade for radar detection at Newman Bakery is working as of September 4th. All signs on railroad property have also been removed.

New Traffic Signal at Highway 36 and FM 2429 should start with blinking warning in next few weeks and hard surface entrance to railroad will also begin construction.

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, 2024

TLD Ramp continues to progress in opening to full capacity its major operations facility in Bellville. In addition, TLD Ramp has a roof shingle grinder that converts to asphalt material.

A 54 room hotel should have ground breaking in the next few weeks in Bellville.

Assisting Bellville Chamber of Commerce in regards to improvements to Clarke Park (LED lighting, security cameras and night lights)

Will 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)

Working with Austin County and Texas Department of Transportation concerning an improved rural transportation system in the Bellville area

Compiling economic development incentives such as rebated sales and HOT Taxes

Working with Bellville Chamber of Commerce community message board project

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

20. Adjournment

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