

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BELLVILLE CITY HALL
30 SOUTH HOLLAND STREET
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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: Tony Krueger, Andrew Murrell, Ron Zboril, 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, Andrew Murrell, Tony Krueger and Ron Zboril

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

Regular Meeting, October 3, 2024

Andrew Murrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024 Regular Meeting. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

David Garner made a motion to approve the Advertising and Tourism Reports for September and October, 2024 from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Shawna Powell made a motion to approve the October, 2024 Treasurer’s Reports and Quarterly Investment Report and payment of outstanding bills in the amount of \$31,460.12. David Garner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding Bills

Payee	Explanation	Amount
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Pavilion - AUTODRAFT)	132.74
City of Bellville	Monthly Utility Bill (Statute - AUTODRAFT)	42.38
Brown & Hofmeister LLP	October Legal Services	70.50
Austin County News Online	October 3rd BEDC Video Recording, Website Maintenance	150.00
Paramount Promotions	October Executive Director Services	5,700.00
Bellville Chamber of Commerce	Independent Contractor Agreement	12,000.00
The Bellville Times	October Classified Display & Public Notice	139.50
Bellville Chamber of Commerce	Advertising & Marketing Contract	12,500.00
City of Bellville	October Accounting Services	250.00
Schultz & Son's Landscapes LLC	October Maintenance	475.00
Total		\$ 31,460.12

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 concerning a possible joint Courthouse Square Lighting Project with the City of Bellville

David Garner made a motion to participate in a joint Courthouse Square Lighting Project with the City of Bellville in an amount not to exceed \$9,999. The City of Bellville will provide the labor to install the lights. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consideration and Action as needed amending the Marketing & Promotions Performance Agreement with the Bellville Chamber of Commerce effective October 1, 2024 to include a one time amount not to exceed \$9,900 for the Community Message Board

Shawna Powell made a motion to amend the Marketing & Promotions Performance Agreement with the Bellville Chamber of Commerce effective October 1, 2024 to include a one time amount not to exceed \$9,900 for the Community Message Board. Andrew Murrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. 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

14. Committee Reports

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

New Traffic Signal at Highway 36 and FM 2429 is operating and hard surface entrance to railroad has begun construction.

Continuing to work with City in regards to work schedule for Alley Capital Improvement Projects Utility Upgrades – 1st Qtr, 2025

A 54 room hotel and developer finalizing management and construction documents

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

Working with City of Bellville regarding new LED lights around courthouse square

City Audit will start in December

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

15. Adjournment

Andrew Murrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawna Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.