

**Meeting Minutes
Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

A special meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation was called to order by David Ottmer at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, February 20, 2002, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Gary Byrd, Jerome Peters, Kenneth Stein, David Ottmer, Wayne Browning, Susan Jones, and Bruce White. All members were present.

Wayne Browning made a motion the meeting Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Bruce White and carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 4
Public Request for the Return of \$25,000.00 Grant to Mrs. Lana Johnson for the
Renovation of the Façade of the Historic Building at 11 N. Bell for the Retail
Establishment, The Bellville Trading Company**

Bruce White made a motion that Mrs. Johnson return the \$25,000.00 grant made to her for the renovation of the façade of the building at 11 N. Bell for The Bellville Trading Company. The motion was seconded by Wayne Browning.

**Agenda Item # 5
Public Response of Dr. Gerald Johnson and Mrs. Lana Johnson**

David Ottmer stated he had spoken earlier in the day with Dr. Gerald Johnson and neither of the Johnsons would be present at the meeting.

Agenda Item # 6

Public Comment

David Ottmer stated this time would be designated for public comments on the proposed request. He asked any interested speakers to limit their remarks to three minutes each. Karen Walters was the only member of the community who asked to speak. She addressed a question on the timeline of the events leading up to this meeting. Responses and comments were made by Bruce White, Susan Jones, Kenneth Stein, David Ottmer and Charley Smith, the City Attorney. No one else asked to address or question the Board.

Agenda Item # 7
Recess

Wayne Browning made a motion the Board of the Bellville Economic Development recess to an Executive Session to confer with the City Attorney on Potential Litigation. The motion was seconded by Bruce White and recess was called by the Chairman at 5:41 p.m.

Agenda Item # 8
Executive Session Convened Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to Consider Potential Litigation

Agenda Item # 9
Special Session Reconvenes to Consider any Action Necessary Regarding Potential Litigation

The Special Session reconvened at 6:20 p.m. Bruce White stated he would like to withdraw his previous motion for the consideration of the Board. Kenneth Stein provided the second to the withdrawal.

Bruce White made a motion to request the return of the balance of funds granted to The Bellville Trading Company which previously have not been tendered to the BEDC in order to allow Mrs. Johnson an opportunity to clarify her application under the new application procedures adopted by the Board. The restated motion was also seconded by Wayne Browning. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards

Recording Secretary