

## **Meeting Minutes Bellville Economic Development Corporation**

The regular meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation was called to order by David Ottmer at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Jerome Peters, Warren Scott, David Ottmer, Kenneth Stein, Nancy Allen and Bob Simpson. Wayne Browning was absent. A quorum was present.

Warren Scott made a motion the Agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Jerome Peters. The motion carried unanimously.

Warren Scott made a motion the Minutes of the June 10, 2003 meeting be approved as presented. Nancy Allen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bob Simpson distributed a Treasurer's Report for the period June 1 through June 30 for review. Copies of two checks from the City of Bellville to Upchurch Architects were presented for reimbursement on the library project. Nancy Allen made a motion the Treasurer's Report be approved and the outstanding bills be paid. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Stein and approved unanimously.

Kim Barrett, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was present to give a report on the expenditure of BEDC grant funds and to summarize the promotional brochures being prepared at this time.

A letter was mailed to Andrew and Susan Leschper at their new address in Sealy, but no response has been received and they were not present to answer questions about the dissolution of their business. Jerome Peters made a motion the President of the BEDC contact the Leschpers directly about the disposal of equipment. The motion was amended to have the contact come from City Attorney Charley Smith rather than David Ottmer. This amended motion was seconded by Bob Simpson and passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the application of the Bellville Little League Association for \$92,903.25 to replace the poles and lights at both Little League ball fields. Again, there was no one present from the Association to answer questions of the Board members. Action will be taken on the application at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held August 12, 2003.

There was discussion of the application of Scott Goebel for a \$100,000.00 grant to restore and renovate the building at 103 East Main as a restaurant. Mr. Goebel was present and fielded several questions regarding his development plans and his financial needs to get the project going. Action also will be taken on this application at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held August 12, 2003.

Some discussion ensued on the agenda item regarding information provided by the Bellville Chamber of Commerce in accordance with paragraph four of the contract between the BEDC and the Chamber relative to disbursement of economic development funds. Kim Barrett answered questions regarding monitoring the success of the Bellville Heritage Gathering and Nancy Allen distributed an information sheet she had prepared on the event.

Recess was called at 6:44 p.m. to allow Board members a break before the Executive Session was called to order at 6:52 p.m. to discuss any development in the possible acquisition of property. The Executive Session adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:15 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Information on a mandatory training seminar sponsored by the Texas Economic Development Council was distributed to all Board members. Lynn Roberts, City Administrator, and Charley Smith, City Attorney, will attend the seminar to be held on Friday, September 23, 2003 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston. The fee is \$125.00 per person. Attendance will be limited, but all Board members as well as the recording secretary should attend if possible. Bob Simpson made a motion disbursement of \$1,000.00 be made for registration, if approval is given by the City Council. Kenneth Stein seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. An agenda item will be prepared for next week's City Council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the BEDC Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzanne C. Edwards  
Recording Secretary