

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

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation was called to order by David Ottmer at 5:31 p.m., Monday, July 19, 2004, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Present were Wayne Browning, Rev. Warren Scott, David Ottmer, and Mike Mueller. Nancy Allen, Allene Schmitt and Kenneth Stein were absent, but a quorum was present.

Mike Mueller made a motion the Agenda be adjusted. He proposed Item #10 be moved up under Item #7 to accommodate Marianne Marek's schedule. The motion was seconded by Wayne Browning and carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 8, 2004 were mailed to Directors in their packets. Wayne Browning made a motion the Minutes be approved as presented. Warren Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Nancy Allen provided a Treasurer's Report for distribution to the Board members. Suzanne Edwards gave a brief summary of the financial report and the outstanding bills for payment. The sales tax allocation deposit for June was \$12,325.71. A balance available on the library renovation grant was requested, but not received. The City has made the final payment to Malinowski Construction and is due reimbursement from the EDC in the amount available. Carolyn Bilski provided backup for the \$25,000 grant to Austin County for renovation of the Jail Museum. Invoices were received from the City for \$1,333.33 for contract for services of Suzanne Edwards and one hour of overtime and from Lanier Healthcare for \$77.99 for the purchase of cassette tapes. The City has also paid this invoice and should be reimbursed. \$231.00 is due Jerry Olson with the signed agreements for logo and website development. Allene Schmitt made a motion the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented and approved invoices paid. The motion was seconded by Warren Scott and carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7**  
**Public Comment**

No one requested to speak to the Board

**Agenda Item #10**

**Discussion of Possible EDC Project to Provide Assistance to the Archeological Dig at Historic San Felipe de Austin**

Marianne Marek, principle investigator and archeologist for the project was present to summarize the project and answer any questions posed by the Board members who were unable to attend the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in San Felipe. Both David Ottmer and Suzanne Edwards provided additional information on the project. Mike Mueller requested more time to study the presentation and get feedback from

citizens. He made a motion the funds request be tabled until the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Wayne Browning seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 8**

**Acceptance of Any Grant Applications Presented**

No applications were presented.

**Agenda Item #9**

**Consideration and Action on the Grant Application Received from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce for \$12,500 to be Used for a New Billboard on Highway 36, North of I-10; New Market Day Signs with New Logo; Two Additional Welcome Signs; a Copy Machine for the Office; Funds for Events and Advertising**

Carolyn Alaniz, Nick Wentworth and Gary Morris were present to answer any questions from the Board. She prefaced her remarks with a reduction in the amount of funds requested. The billboard in Sealy is no longer being considered because trees block the view from passers-by. This reduces the amount requested by \$1,500.00. A very competitive bid has been received from Tek-Com for a photocopier for the Chamber office. Carolyn answered questions on costs of signage and the need for funds to advertise in magazines and travelogues. Lynn Roberts interjected the Hotel/Motel Tax received this year and passed on to the Chamber will not reach the \$5,000.00 budgeted. To date, \$3,875.00 has been received. Next year, the budget will probably be reduced to \$4,000.00. Carolyn said Peggy Spradley of the Sealy Chamber and Visitors' Bureau had indicated the Bellville Chamber might qualify for a portion of the Sealy Hotel/Motel Tax for visitors to big events such as the Austin County Fair. Mike Mueller made a motion \$9,500.00 be awarded to the Chamber. The motion was seconded by Warren Scott and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #11**

**Coordinator's Report**

Suzanne Edwards distributed copies of her monthly report and briefly summarized her attendance at the meeting of the Austin County Economic Development interest group. She also reported on her discussions with Chloe Johnson of Johnson & Associates regarding dates for a possible retreat and the \$4,000.00 cost proposed; distributed a draft Expense Form; and requested David Ottmer's signature on agreements from Jerry Olson for development of an EDC logo and website. A check from \$231.00 will be requested from Nancy Allen. Suzanne and Nancy will have a proposed budget ready for consideration at the August 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Agenda Item #12**

**Consideration of any Action Necessary and Related to the Organization and Operation of a Corporation Formed under Chapter 4B of the Economic Development Act of 1979, as Amended**

There was no discussion of any matters.

**Agenda Item #13**

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Warren Scott made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Mike Mueller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Edwards

EDC Coordinator