

David Ottmer called the Regular Meeting of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation to order at 4:00p.m., Tuesday, September 18, 2007, in the Council meeting room at City Hall, Bellville, Texas.

Warren Scott offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Present were: Wayne Browning, Warren Scott, David Ottmer, Allene Schmitt, Denise Haugen and Angela Franks. A quorum was certified. Executive Director Carolyn Gibson was present. Jim Freeman was absent.

Motion was made by Angela Franks to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded by Wayne Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 5
Public Comment**

Vastene Olier, Executive Director of Colorado Valley Transit District presented an update to the BEDC Board on the Austin County Job Transportation Project. She presented route cards to the Board and reported that people were riding, but more riders were needed. All the bus stops have been approved except for Brookshire Brothers in Bellville. She stressed that the buses were available for anyone who wanted to ride and encouraged the Board and those in attendance to give them a try.

**Agenda Item # 6
Acceptance of any Grant Requests**

There were none.

Agenda Item #7

Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Allene Schmitt to accept the minutes of the special meeting, August 27, 2007.

Motion was seconded by Wayne Browning and passed with Warren Scott abstaining.

Motion was made by Angela Franks and seconded by Wayne Browning accept the minutes of the regular meeting August 21, 2007. Motion passed with Warren Scott abstaining.

Agenda Item # 8

Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills

Treasurer Warren Scott gave the Treasurer's Report based on Balance Sheet, YTD and Profit & Loss Statements, and Bank Reconciliations for August 2007. Balance in FNB Checking Account as of August 31, 2007 was \$19,046.57. August Sales Tax Revenue of \$22,427.37, Interest Income of \$27.17, and an interest income check from CD (2) of \$1,222.46 resulted in total monthly deposits of \$23,677.00. Checks totaling \$25,579.87 were posted. Balance in Wells Fargo Money Market Account as of August 31, 2007 was \$51,721.88, with an interest payment of \$135.99. Balance Sheet showed the following current Certificates of Deposit: Guaranty Bank- \$92,909.05, Industry State Bank-(1) \$100,424.80 & (2) \$100,000.00, and Wells Fargo- \$31,102.92. Total Current Assets as of August 31, 2007 are \$394,376.06. Interest earned on CD's for August was \$1,337.21. Outstanding bills totaling \$23,603.44 were presented for payment to: Bellville Chamber of Commerce of \$4,500.00 for Contract of Services for October, Texas Leadership Institute of \$99.00 for Economic Development Marketing Strategies Course, Techline, Inc. of \$15,141.75 for Community Improvement Project-fixtures for lights on Square, Houston Chronicle of \$560.00 for promotional advertising, Carolyn Gibson of \$373.54 for mileage and Wells Fargo Visa, Cravens Office Supply of \$33.99 for printer cartridge, Tek-Com Technologies of \$2,445.16 for BEDC computer purchase, and Jerry Olson Designs of \$450.00 for promotional & website design. Motion was made by Denise Haugen and seconded by Allene Schmitt to approve the Treasurer's report and payment of bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item # 9
Committee Reports and Any Related Action**

There were none.

Agenda Item # 10
Executive Director's Comments and Any Related Action

Carolyn Gibson presented Board members sales tax information, showing collected amounts from January 1984 through September 2007, the agenda for the Texas Economic Development Council Annual Conference September 26-28 in Dallas, information from the Small Business Association, H-GAC Local Development Corporation's Community Investment Program, Southeast Texas Housing, H-GAC's Monthly Economic Digest, and Association of Rural Communities in Texas' Rural Summit October 29-30 in Austin. She encouraged members of the Board to attend the meeting October 30th. Remaining TEDC Sales Tax Training dates for 2007, TLI courses on Strategic Planning, Developing Tourism, and Working with the Film Industry were presented to the Board; they will contact Carolyn if they wish to be signed up. An invoice from Techline, Inc. of \$0.00 for 36 light fixture lamps was included in the packets, and President Ottmer thanked the City of Bellville for their assistance in installing the lights very quickly. Denise Haugen made a motion to contribute \$1500.00 toward printing the Austin County Fair flyers that will be distributed across South Texas. The BEDC logo will be on the flyers. Motion was seconded by Warren Scott, who also commented that BEDC should have a presence in the Austin County Fair Parade. Motion carried unanimously. Carolyn will check on invitations for the Thursday luncheon during the Fair for the BEDC Board. Carolyn will order magnetic signs with the BEDC logo for use in the parade and her vehicle while on BEDC business. The Bellville Historical Society's 28th Annual Antiques Festival, Spring Creek Bluegrass Festival, and 1st Annual Battle for Bellville will be held the last weekend in October. Angela Franks made a motion to provide \$250.00 in promotional funds for advertising these events. After discussion she amended her motion to \$300.00, which was seconded by Allene Schmitt and carried unanimously. Finally, Carolyn reported that she had received 2 inquiries from the ad BEDC ran in Area Management Magazine, and that she and Carol Courville had been the guests of the Waller County Economic Development Partnership for a luncheon honoring State Representatives Rob Eissler and Patricia Harless and State Senator John Carona for the work on sign legislation.

Agenda Item # 11
Questions and Comments from Board Members

Allene Schmitt reported that she had attended a Workforce Board meeting at H-GAC and that Bellville and Sealy had the lowest drop-out rates in the region.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wayne Browning made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Angie Franks. President Ottmer adjourned the meeting at 5:10m.

Carolyn Gibson

Carolyn Gibson, Recording Secretary