

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2011  
Time of Meeting: 4:00 P.M.  
Location: Council Meeting Room, Bellville City Hall  
30 South Holland St., Bellville, TX 77418

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge **4:03pm**
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum  
***Present were Monte Byrd, Robert Buckner, Clark McKinley, Delwin Rettig, Danny Jacobs and Paul Jones. Absent was C.L.Roy.***
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted. ***approved***
4. Public Comment (3-Minute Remarks of Speakers who have completed Sign-in Sheet) AND Receipt of Grant Applications. ***none***
5. Questions and Comments from Board Members (discussion is limited to statements of policy or statements of factual matters, or the request that a matter be placed on the next meeting's agenda) ***Delwin Rettig noted that the CVT grant for \$10,000 would be on next week's City Council agenda, and if approved, the attached agreement which was used last year would be executed and the funds disbursed.***
6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held 9 June 2011.  
***approved***
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments.  
***Financials were approved as submitted, and the following bills were approved: TEDC membership \$100.00; The Bellville Times \$63.00; LeAnn Luedeker (accounting services) \$200.00. Note: the ARCIT membership was not renewed.***
8. Downtown Christmas lighting, and action as needed.  
***Approved unanimously to spend \$10,542.00 for the purchase of white LED lighting for the Square, per ExtremeLightscapes bid #2011.5.31.1c, the lights to be owned by the City of Bellville, and the encouragement by the BEDC that City Council approve the payment of \$5,155.00 for the installation, maintenance, and take down for the initial year of use.***
9. Discussion of Advertising Strategy and action as needed. ***Passed to August agenda***

10. Update on Courthouse/Parking Lot project (Robert Buckner), and action as needed. ***Report that short list was determined by the committee with three architecture firms invited to meet with the committee later this month. Sequence of project was established as (1) MiniPark & parking lot, (2) the Square outside of the traffic circle, and (3) the courthouse and grounds inside the traffic circle.***
11. Discussion regarding acquisition of Stephen F. Austin Statue, gateway improvements, and action as needed. ***Monte Byrd reported that there were at least two grant options for the project, along with interest from local foundations and private sources. The city is scheduling the initial clean-up of the proposed location near the existing SFA monument. City Council has not yet decided on its participation in the long-term maintenance of the median areas or this monument if installed. The BEDC will continue to gather cost estimates for the entire project before considering the project for approval.***
12. Adoption of Resolution in support of Tax Abatement Policy for City of Bellville. ***The following resolution was approved: "Resolved that the BEDC request that the City of Bellville adopt a Tax Abatement Policy." The consensus of the board was that the adoption of the County's tax abatement policy would be efficient and effective.***
13. (Intentionally left blank)
14. Executive Session under Govt. Code Sec. 551.071, 551.072 and 551.087 to discuss legal matters with attorney, real property negotiations, and economic development negotiations. ***passed***
15. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. ***None***
16. Adjournment (***approximately 5:20pm***)