

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 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 **4:02pm**
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum. ***Present were Monte Byrd, Robert Buckner, Clark McKinley, Delwin Rettig, and C.L.Roy. Danny Jacob and Paul Jones were absent.***
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted. ***Item number 10 was moved to follow item number 4. Agenda as amended was 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). ***none***
6. Consideration and Action to Approve **Minutes** of Previous Meeting held **8 September 2011**. ***Approved as submitted.***
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. ***The following payments were approved: Bellville Times \$63.00, Extreme Lightscapes \$10,542.00, and LeAnn Luedeker \$200.00. Motion authorizing Treasurer to transfer funds between financial institutions to maximize returns and maintain FDIC insurance was approved unanimously.***
8. 2011-2012 Budget / report from Secretary regarding city council approval. ***Reported that the budget was approved by City Council with the clarification that there are no specific marketing and promotion plans at this time, but that BEDC will return to City Council for approval of specific expenditures under that line-item.***
9. Consideration and action to approve a contract for architectural services for the Parking Lot and 'Mini-Park' phase of Downtown Improvements with a total Phase I budget of \$560,000. ***Robert Buckner presented the KGA – DeForest contract for approval. After extended discussion of the overall project budget and process, a motion to accept the KGA proposal and enter into contract was approved unanimously. A second motion to establish a budget not to exceed \$560,000 for the Phase I of the Downtown Improvement Project was approved unanimously.***

10. Discussion regarding funding and acquisition of Stephen F. Austin Statue, gateway improvements, and action as needed. ***John Grube, speaking as Vice President of the Bellville Historical Society, announced that they had approved the payment of \$5,000.00 toward the purchase and installation of the S.F.Austin statue for the specific purpose of qualifying for the LCRA Grant and to be used solely for the purchase and installation of the statue. Monte Byrd advised that an anonymous foundation has pledged a minimum of \$10,000.00, and that based on the above pledges, we qualify for both the LCRA grant and the H-GAC “gateway” grant. While the consensus of the board was to seek 100% private funding for this project, the motion to approve the S.F.Austin Statue Project for a total budget of \$35,000.00 with minimum private funding of \$15,000.00 was approved unanimously. In continued discussion, Delwin Rettig advised the board that the City Administration desired to partner with the BEDC in establishing a private maintenance agreement for any Gateway improvement areas.***
11. 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***
12. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. ***None***
13. Adjournment @ ***5:15pm***