

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 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 **4:05pm**
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum ***Present were Monte Byrd, Robert Buckner, Clark McKinley, Delwin Rettig, Danny Jacob and Paul Jones. C.I.Roy was absent.***
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted ***Approved unanimously.***
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 **6 October 2011. *Approved unanimously.***
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. ***The report as attached and the listed bills were approved unanimously. Approved bills include Bellville Times (\$138.60 & \$50.40), Craven's Office Supply (\$68.99), LeAnn Luedeker (\$200 & \$200), Extreme Lightscapes (\$2,377.00 as balance of approved contract), Brown & Hoffmeister (\$98.53), Austin Count Appraisal District (\$128.94 taxes prorated for Wells Fargo ownership period), and Janish Electric Services (\$1,005.00 for remaining portion of approved Lighting Project for Downtown). Motion to deposit maturing ACSB CD into the money market account, accept FNBB and ACSB agreement to pledge bonds for the amount that is over the FDIC insurance coverage, and appoint LeAnn Luedeker (bookkeeper) as the contact person for those agreements, was approved unanimously.***

8. Discussion with Architect Bob DeForest regarding Parking Lot and 'Mini-Park' phase of Downtown Improvements (Phase I) and action as needed. ***Robert DeForest and Amanda Teague were present to present an overview of the project, including the design and prep work that would begin immediately. They will coordinate with A-Survey for the scope of survey work required for the project. Stated objectives and elements included:***
 - (1) functional parking***
 - (2) sidewalks***
 - (3) shade structures***
 - (4) connection with Square***
 - (5) masterplan for park***
 - (6) drainage***
 - (7) signage***
 - (8) improved restrooms***
 - (9) possible amphitheatre******On motion and unanimous approval, a construction committee was formed to interface with the architect for day to day issues during the project. President Monte Byrd appointed Robert Buckner, Clark McKinley and himself to serve on that committee.***
9. Discussion/Update regarding funding and acquisition of Stephen F. Austin Statue, gateway improvements, and action as needed. ***Monte Byrd will proceed with filing a grant application with the H-GAC for their Gateway Project funds. No further action will be taken until grant options are completed.***
10. Adjournment ***4:40pm***