

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 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 **4:07 pm**
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum ***Paul Jones was absent.***
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 recommended the creation of a joint city/county/merchant committee to establish a Business District Parking Plan. The president took the matter under advisement.***
6. Consideration and Action to Approve **Minutes** of Previous Meeting held **11 August 2011. *approved***
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. ***All were approved as presented. Also, a resolution to remove all previous board members as check signers and add all new board members as check signers, and continuing to have LeAnn Luedeker as a check signer, passed unanimously.***
- 7.5 Public Hearing (4:15pm): : A project to purchase and permanently install holiday/festival lighting on all Downtown Square buildings at a cost to the BEDC of \$10, 542.00. ***Hearing was convened at 4:22pm. No one requested to speak. The hearing was closed at 4:23pm.***
8. 2011-2012 Budget and action as needed. ***Approved as presented.***
9. Discussion of Advertising Strategy and action as needed. ***Passed.***
10. Update on Courthouse/Parking Lot project (Robert Buckner), and action as needed. ***Update from Bob Buckner on negotiations with prospective Architect(s). The committee will look at getting numbers for actual construction costs related to parking lot and directly related components. Place on October agenda.***
11. Discussion regarding acquisition of Stephen F. Austin Statue, gateway improvements, and action as needed. ***Bust is 18 feet tall. Photoshop pictures were presented to the board. Possible funding is from LCRA (\$25k), HGAC (\$25), and local***

foundations/givers (\$5k?). We will continue to look at costs, funding, and present a final proposal to BEDC board at future meeting. Place on October agenda.

12. Downtown Christmas lighting, and action as needed. ***Passed.***
13. 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.***
14. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. ***Passed.***
15. Adjournment ***5:15pm***