

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: September 15, 2012  
Time of Meeting: 5:00 P.M.  
Location: Council Meeting Room, Bellville City Hall  
30 South Holland St., Bellville, TX 77418

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum **Present: Monte Byrd, Paul Jones, Pat Burns Danny Jacob, Robert Buckner. C.L. Roy and Clark McKinley joined at 5:10. Quorum certified.**
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted. **Motion to approve Mr. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Jacob. Minutes 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 **Motion to approve Mr. Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Buckner. Minutes from August 2012 approved.**
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. **Mr. Jacob presented the report. Balance sheet shows \$794,957.15 in total current assets. Net income for August was \$17,521.26. Payment requests for Sept. were \$3,500 to Alexander Surveying for Bust site (money is being paid by grant & not tax dollars), \$1,616 to City of Bellville for holiday wreaths, \$6,005.43 to KGA DeForest for Construction Documents, \$63 to Bellville Times for notices, \$200 to LeAnn Luedeker for Sept. contract. Mr. Burns made motion to accept Treasurer's report & pay bills. Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.**
8. Discussion and Action as needed on Mini-Park Multi-Use Facility with KGA DeForest. **Bob DeForest presented latest drawings & plans for Multi-Use facility and parking lot along with updated cost estimate. Estimate for parking repavement & shelter comes in at \$564,070.78. Mr. DeForest feels confident that his estimate would be higher than other bids, once process begins. Board asked him to take out \$12,000 for covered bus stop and \$18,000 for benches, feeling funds for those could be raised from other funding sources.**

**There was discussion about eliminating center island to allow more open events such as dances, etc. After discussion, consensus of the board was to leave as is. It was emphasized the purpose of the structure is still for events to bring people to downtown, with parking as a secondary benefit. Mr. Deforest was also asked to give cost estimates on breaking the project into two phases with/without the shelter. Mr. DeForest estimates doing the project in phases would increase the costs by 15%, pushing cost totals over \$600,000. Mr. DeForest is now ready to present the project to City Council at the next meeting. The feeling of the board was that the economic development benefit of the project comes from adding the Multi-Use shelter. Without the shelter the project loses almost all economic benefit, and if shelter is not approved, the EDC would have to re-evaluate whether repaving the parking lot is proper use of funds.**

**Mr. Jones made motion to approve project as presented with maximum budget of \$564,070.78. Mr. Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.**

9. Discussion and Action as needed on request for advertising funding with Wendy Crowe of Christkindlmarket.  
**Ms. Crowe presented request for advertising assistance for Christkindlmarket. She highlighted last year's event, pointing out how helpful it would have been to have a shelter such as the one proposed for the parking lot. It was pointed out the event will help bring shoppers to Bellville on the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Mr. Burns made motion to approve \$1,500 as seed money for the event to be spent on advertising. Mr. Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.**
10. Discussion and Action as needed with Colorado Valley Transit. **Claudia Wicks appeared on behalf of Colorado Valley Transit to ask for renewal of \$10,000 grant for on demand bus service. She outlined services being provided, including building 3 new covered bus stops around Bellville. Landis Wyatt also asked for help in publicizing the new Vanpool service project, which is the first ever for rural Texas. The project pairs 6 or more workers at one site, provides a van and pays for fuel at a minimal fee, which is often offset by employers. Mr. Wyatt stressed he was not asking for funding, but a letter of support for the TXDOT grant funding, and help in publicizing the program. Mr. Roy made motion to allocate \$10,000 for the annual grant, pending Council approval. Mr. Jacob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously.**
11. Executive Session under Govt. Code Sec. 551.071, 551.072 and 551.087 to discuss legal matters with attorney, real property negotiations, and/or economic development negotiations.**None**
12. Action on matters considered in Executive Session.**None**
13. Adjournment **Adjourned at 6:29**