

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Bellville Economic Development Corporation

Date of Meeting: August 13, 2015
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: Pat Burns, Paul Jones, Monte Byrd, Clark McKinley, Danny Jacob. Absent: Bob Buckner, Bruce Harrison. Quorum certified.**
3. Consideration and Action to Approve the Agenda as Posted **Mr. McKinley motion to approve. Mr. Jacob 2nd. Motion 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). **Mr. Jacob said that Mr. Harrison was absent because his brother passed away. He asked for prayers for the family.**
6. Consideration and Action to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting held. **Mr. Jacob motion to approve, Mr. McKinley 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.**
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Treasurer's Report, Payment of Outstanding Bills, and Investments. **Mr. Jacob presented report. Total current assets are \$726,800.54. Mr. Jacob pointed out that the City's auditors had increased the valuation on the Pavilion to \$688,894.17, so that Total Fixed Assets are now \$725,559.04. Sales Tax revenue for the month was \$20,926. Bills presented for payment: \$126.13 & 53.09 to City of Bellville for utilities, \$580 & \$580 to Glasco & Co. for July & August maintenance, \$536.50 & \$963.35 to Brown & Hofmeister for legal services, \$89.46 to ATT mobility, \$820, \$250.70 & \$58.99 to Renee Sullins for Marketing contract, Mileage reimbursement and Supplies and Luncheon reimbursement. Mr. Burns made motion to approve report and pay bills as presented. Mr. McKinley 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.**

8. Consideration and Action as needed on request from Bellville Lions' Club on grant for "Welcome to Bellville" sign. **Newton Boriack from the Bellville Lion's club presented a proposal for a "Welcome to Bellville" sign. The sign will be placed along Hwy. 36 coming into Bellville from the north on the #3 tee box at the golf course. The Lions Club has already paid to build a retaining wall to support the sign. The sign will feature a steel cutout of a painted Brahma Bull and will serve as an eye catching entrance to the City to visitors. Mr. Boriack says the total cost for the project is \$10,950. The Lions' club requested a grant of \$5,000 to complete the project. Mr. Burns made motion to approve grant, Mr. Jacob 2nd. Motion approved 3-0, with Mr. McKinley abstaining because he is a Lion's Club member.**
9. Consideration and Action as needed on agreement with Quiet Zone Technologies on Railroad Quiet Zone. **Mr. Byrd presented proposal from Quiet Zone Technologies for an Evaluation and Diagnostic Team Review for Bellville. Total fee for the review is \$8,450. If a separate Wayside Horn demonstration is needed, that will cost an additional \$2,300. Mr. Byrd says QZT would not only work up proposals and costs for each crossing in town, but would work in conjunction with BNSF railroad so that the railroad will have signed off on each proposal. Mr. Byrd said QZT will present recommendations so that the project can either be done all at once, or in stages. John Moore from the Bellville Chamber of Commerce says the Chamber has begun surveying business and property owners along the tracks, as well as residents to determine if there is enough support for the project. He said at this point there is overwhelming support to move ahead, but they want to talk with more people. Mr. Byrd suggested holding off on voting on the proposal until it can be determined there is sufficient public support. No Action taken.**
10. Consideration and Action as needed on Bell Street Redevelopment Plan. **Attorneys for the two sides are still working on the final contract. No Action taken.**
11. Marketing Consultant's report. Discussion and Action as needed. **Ms. Sullins reported that interest in the Farmer's Market continues to grow, and that they are getting new vendors and new inquiries every Market. She also was pleased to report that work with the area realtors is beginning to pay off, and that 6 real estate companies are now using BellvilleProspector.com to place listings, and expects more will be coming on line soon.**
12. 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**
13. Action on matters considered in Executive Session. **None**
14. Adjournment 5:40