

**CITY OF SMITHVILLE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
JULY 11, 2022

Present: Mayor Sharon Foerster, Councilmembers Janice Bruno, Bill Gordon, Tom Etheredge, Joanna Morgan, and City Manager Robert Tamble. Not present Cassie Barrientos.

**Open Meeting:** Call to order: Mayor Foerster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Etheredge led the Invocation and Pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:

- a) Update from Jill Strube on the Smithville, TX Economic Development Community Resiliency Strategic Plan (aka Mundo Plan).

Citizen Comments: None

Approval of the minutes from the June 13, 2022, Council Meeting, and the June 29, 2022 City Council Workshop. Councilman Gordon moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Bruno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Awarding the Architectural Services Contract for the remodel of public restrooms, adding new offices, a workroom, and a west exterior wall to the Smithville City Hall building using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding: Councilman Etheredge made a motion to award Cutright & Prihoda, Inc. the Architectural contract. Councilwoman Bruno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Discussion and Action on Amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance, Article 12.200 Control Devices of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinances to place Stop Signs at Webb St and Callie St: Amending this ordinance will authorize the placement of STOP SIGNS located at the intersection of Webb Street and Callie Street located in the new M5 Subdivision. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the reappointment/appointment to the Historic Preservation Design Standards Advisory Committee (HPDSAC): The Historic Preservation and Design Standards Advisory Committee (HPDSAC) is a nine (9) member committee appointed by the mayor. Three (3) members are selected by the following organizations to participate on the committee: Heritage Society, Chamber of Commerce, and Cultural District. Six (6) members are selected "at-large" from the community. The membership term is 2-years concurrent with the election of the Mayor. The following names are submitted by the three community organizations:

- Heritage Society – Faith Franklin (New Appointment)
- Chamber of Commerce - April Daniels (Re-appointment)

- Cultural District – Bonny Joplin (New Appointment)

The following names are submitted for Council consideration as "at-large" members of the Historic Preservation and Design Standards Advisory Committee:

- Sarah O'Brien (Chair) - (Re-appointment)
- Victoria Allen - (Re-appointment)
- Caroline Noya - (Re-appointment)
- Walter Winslett - (Re-appointment)
- Nancy Catherman - (Re-appointment)
- Monica Poss - (New Appointment)

Councilwoman Bruno made a motion to approve the listed appointments and re-appointments. Councilman Etheredge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Citizen Comments

Discussion and Action on the appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Ed Lick: Ed Lick (re-appointed on June 13, 2022) has resigned from the P&Z Commission. As such, City Manager Robert Tamble is recommending the Council appoint Monica Poss (705 Hudgins) to serve out Mr. Lick's remaining term which will expire in May 2024. Councilman Etheredge made a motion to approve the appointment of Monica Poss. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Resolution for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the Rural Economic Development 2 Construction Grant "TDA-GO" (CRC22-0031); and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer: The City will be applying for a 2-Year TDA Implementation Grant (\$1M + \$100K match, can be in-kind) to construct an "Innovation Center" for additional classroom, office and business "incubator" space at 404 Fawcett Street, to upgrade the Show Barn (Pavilion) at Riverbend Park, and to provide additional Façade Grants to downtown business owners, as well as administrative and engineering/architectural costs. This project supports the Smithville Workforce Training Center's efforts to provide quality educational experiences and certificate programs for the regional workforce as well as local business owners who may need specialized training. Building upgrades are intended to primarily serve skilled trades and medical training. The Workforce program and the Façade Grants are products of the TDA-funded "Smithville TX Economic Development Community Resiliency Strategic Plan" that was approved by City Council and the Chamber Board in the fall of 2020. Approving this resolution will allow the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer for all matters pertaining to the TDA-GO grant. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the Certification of Additional Sales and Use Tax to Pay Debt Services: The Texas Comptroller requires the Governing body to certify that the amount of additional sales and use tax revenue collected to pay debt services has been deducted from the total amount

described by Tax Code Section 26.05(e-1), 26.04(e)(3)(C) and 26.05(a)(1). Councilman Etheredge made a motion to approve certification as filled out by Cynthia. Councilwoman Bruno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the approval of the Financial Report. Councilman Etheredge made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn 7:02 p.m.

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Sharon Foerster, Mayor

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Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary