

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2022

Present: Mayor Sharon Foerster, Councilmembers Janice Bruno, Bill Gordon, Tom Etheredge, Joanna Morgan, Cassie Barrientos, and City Manager Robert Tamble.

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

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:

- a) Proclamation for " Municipal Court Week " Mayor read the proclamation
- b) Proclamation for " Breast Cancer Awareness Month" Councilwoman Bruno read the proclamation
- c) Proclamation from Tom Etheredge on an SBA. A group of downtown business owners spoke on this topic. They all voiced their concerns and hopes concerning downtown and what they would like to see. Some explained they would like to see the lights across Main street extended to include 2nd street and further down main toward City Hall. They would like to see banners across the bridge coming into town. Would like to bring back the town known for "Hope Floats" and the sign coming into town that says "Home of Hope Floats". They would like to see a park at the end of Main to utilize the river access. They would like the City to support these ideas and be open to discussion to make these ideas a reality.

Citizen Comments: None

Approval of the minutes from the September 12, 2022, City Council Meeting. Councilman Ethedgede made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Certificate of Appropriateness for 200 Main Street: Monica Poss (Historic Preservation Design Standards Advisory Committee (HPDSAC) presented recommendations for approval of two requests from the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to allow Alfred and Laurie Beck (owners of "The Main Gallery of Smithville) to replace the tiles and sign at 200 Main. The other two requests will be researched and brought back to the council. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the replacement of the tiles and the sign and recognize that the Becks are further researching items and will come back to the Council. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on an Ordinance changing the City's contributions to TMRS matching ratio from 1.5:1 to 2:1: Approving this ordinance will increase the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) multiplier from 1.5x to 2.0x to better align with what other municipalities of similar size

offer. Councilman Etheredge made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilwoman Bruno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on approving the Budget Amendment(s) amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget: Cynthia has finalized our 2021/22 budget amendments. Revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$295k on a \$13.7M budget. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending the budget for 2021/2022. Councilwoman Bruno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion on future Council Workshops: Councilmember Bruno wants the Council to have a message board and more meetings. She would like to see a workshop added or agenda items added to each Council meeting so that we can discuss important topics. No action was taken only discussion.

Citizen Comments: None

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

Adjourn 7:45 p.m.

Sharon Foerster, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary