

**CITY OF SMITHVILLE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
APRIL 10, 2023

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 gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:

- a) Proclamation for “National Public Safety Telecommunications Week” read by Mayor Foerster.
- b) Presentation from Charity Rogers on the Mental Health Grant.
- c) Update on Comprehensive Plan given by City Manager Tamble.

Citizen Comments: None

Approval of the minutes from March 13, 2023 Council Meeting and Public Hearing, the Economic Development Workshop on March 14, 2023 and the Special-Called Council Meeting March 23, 2023. Councilman Etheredge noted that there was a page missing from the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting but made a motion to approve the pages presented and will have the missing page on the May 15, 2023 Council Meeting agenda for approval. Councilman Gordon Seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023 and March 23, 2023. Councilman Etheredge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the Acceptance of Councilwoman Barrientos' Resignation from the City Council. Councilwoman Barrientos read her resignation letter. Councilman Etheredge thanked her for her service and made a motion to approve her resignation. Councilwoman Bruno seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Foerster presented Councilwoman Barrientos with a plaque of appreciation for her service. Councilwoman Barrientos left the meeting.

Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on:

- a) A Minor Replat combining two lots into one at 501 Marburger Street, Byrne Addition, Block 103, Lot 9 and Lot 10, property ID 16724, property owner Jaimie C. Kadlecek. P&Z recommended approval of the minor replat.

**Public Hearing:**

Hear Citizen Comments: No one signed up to speak for or against this item.

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Councilwoman Bruno made a motion to approve the minor replat. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the Annual Audit for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget: Jack Clark the City Auditor couldn't make the meeting tonight so this item was postponed until the May 15, 2023 Council Meeting.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on renewing an agreement between the City of Smithville and PHI Air Medical to provide air ambulance service to the citizens of Smithville: The City of Smithville is considering renewing its contract agreement with PHI Air Medical to provide "no cost" emergency medical air transport of citizens with life-threatening injuries / illnesses that reside within the Smithville City Limits. **The proposed annual fee of \$12,411** is based on providing coverage to approximately 1773 households (an increase of 68 additional households as identified by the most current list of residential utility customers). The plan will cover all Smithville citizens while they are in PHI Service Area (i.e., Bastrop County) at a cost of \$7.00 per household. For those citizens with insurance (including Medicare patients), the agreement will cover all co-pays, deductibles, and remaining balances for PHI transports. For those without insurance, the agreement will cover payment in full. For those citizens on Medicaid, PHI will receive a payment from the state. Citizens can upgrade to a full national household membership for \$30 per year (\$15 reduction from last year's \$45 rate) that will provide coverage outside of the Bastrop County service area. If approved, the contract will be valid through **April 30, 2024**. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the contract with PHI Air Medical. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on awarding the Airport Hay contract: The City of Smithville published Request for Proposals (RFP) in the Austin American Statesman on March 15, 2023 and March 22, 2023 seeking a contractor for the exclusive right to cut and bale hay at the Smithville-Crawford Municipal Airport (located at 765 NW Loop 230). Two (2) contractors submitted sealed proposals that were opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 10:15 am on April 3, 2023. John Badders Farm and Ranching Services submitted a bid to pay the City of Smithville \$2,100 per year for the 2-year contract. **Hurta Cattle Company** submitted a bid for **\$6,053 per year** for the 2-year contract. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to award Hurta Cattle Company the Airport Hay contract. Councilwoman Bruno seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on replacing Faith Franklin on the Historical Preservation and Design Standards Board with LeRoy Behrens: 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. Councilwoman Bruno made a motion to approve the resignation of Faith Franklin and the appointment of LeRoy Behrens. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on an Ordinance amending Article 3.04 Floodplain Management: The new FEMA Flood Plain Maps have been published and need to be adopted by ordinance on or before May 9, 2023. State legislation requires all cities and counties to adopt ordinances or orders to become eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Councilman Etheredge made a motion to approve the ordinance to reflect the new flood maps. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

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

Adjourn 7:01 p.m.

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Sharon Foerster, Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary