

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2023

Present: Mayor Sharon Foerster, Councilmembers Janice Bruno, Tom Etheredge, Jimmy Jenkins, Mitchell Jameson, and City Manager Robert Tamble. Not present Tyrone Washington.

Workshop:

Citizen Comments: Adena Lewis

Review of past grant activity. Jill Strube gave her presentation and answered questions. No action was taken.

Citizen Comments:

Review of processes

- a. Grant Seeking
- b. Grant Awarding
- c. Public Participation

Jill Strube continued her presentation on public participation and how she seeks, and awards grants. No action was taken.

Citizen Comments: Leigh Killgore & Michelle Gardella

Discussion and Action: New Philanthropy / Cultural District forms for approval prior to distribution: Councilwoman Bruno made a motion to table the Cultural District form until the July Council meeting. Councilman Etheredge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Etheredge read a letter from Simmon Madera, a local business owner, about spending tax dollars to bring people to Smithville to support local businesses.

Mayor Foerster asked Mr. Synott to come up and speak. He spoke about his development in Smithville.

The Council came back to the discussion about the new philanthropy form. Councilwoman Bruno said it is similar to what Bastrop County uses and wants to get this going and made a motion to approve the form. Councilman Jenkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Discussion and Action: Community Engagement Coordinator “Signage” Proposals. The Council had four proposals that were presented to redo the sign coming into Smithville off Loop 230 and Hill Rd. Councilman Jameson made a motion to approve the “Unity in Bloom” concept by Michelle Gardella and Ana Luev Ano-Young. Councilman Jenkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Sharon Foerster, Mayor

Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary