

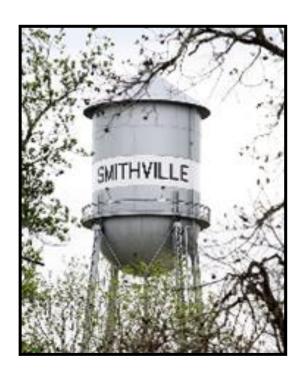
Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon Wednesday, January 25, 2023

(11:30 am -1:00 pm)



Agenda:

- By The Numbers
- Accomplishments / Issues
- Current Projects
- Future Plans
- 5 Things You Need To Know....
- Q&A



Review accomplishments, issues, projects, and future plans. Answer questions and address concerns.



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<u>PRIOR</u>	<u>METRIC</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>TREND</u>
\$768K	SALES TAX	\$893K	☆
\$26K	HOTEL TAX	\$44K	
\$328M	BCAD VALUES	\$394M	1
\$13.7M	BUDGET	\$14.7M	1
\$0.5490	TAX RATE	\$0.5489	
20	NEW BUSINESS	22	



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Accomplishments:

- <u>Upgraded</u> City Council Chambers A/V system.
- Received "clean" financial audit for FY20/21. "AA-Minus" Bond Rating.
- Held Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event.
- Completed tub grinding at City leaf & limb (brush) dump.
- Completed sealcoating and re-striping of Main Street.
- Expanded XMAS Lights to 300 block of Main and NE/NW 2nd Street.
- Extended water line to Loop 230 from American Legion Road.
- <u>Updated</u> City of Smithville Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP).
- <u>Prepared</u> and adopted FY22/23 balanced budget to include \$1.25M Tax Note and allocation of \$595k in ARPA funding (Round 2).

THANKS TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY PERSONNEL, AND SUPPORT STAFF!



Current Issues



Delinquent Utility Accounts / What's That Smell? / City-wide Water Meter Replacement





Current Issues – Utility Accounts Wednesday, January 25, 2023

BACKGROUND

- 13% Delinquent (321 of 2427)
- \$128k in Uncollected Revenue
- \$885k Sent to Collections / Charge-Off
- 10% Penalty on Total Balance





RECOMMENDATIONS

- Notify Customers (re: Utility Flier)
- Allow Customers w/ PAST-DUE accounts the opportunity to resolve delinquent balance.
- Focus on 60-90-120 Day Delinquent Accounts with 6-month Deadline – JUNE 1, 2023

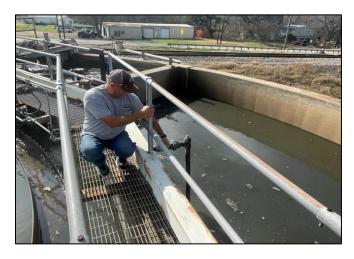




Current Issues – Gazley WWTF Wednesday, January 25, 2023

What's That Smell?

- Citizen expressed concerns regarding "Smell" Downtown
- Odor coming from Gazley WWTF
 - Blower Motor Out (1 of 2)
 - Sludge in Drying Beds
 - **Prevailing Winds**
- Wastewater Operator (Paul Espinoza) must manually "balance" aeration.
- Expect resolution within the next 7-10 days









Current Issues – Water Meter Replacement Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Background

- AMI system purchased and installed in 2016 by Ameresco.
- 5-Year M&V Audit Determined Meter Accuracy Issue (in customer's favor).
- Water Meter Replacement is approximately 90% complete.
- Ameresco paying 100% of the cost (\$360k) to replace Water Meters and Customer Interface Portal.







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MAJOR POWER OUTAGE



8" WATER MAIN BREAK



LOOP 230 DUMPSTER FIRE











Infrastructure and Development Projects





City of Smithville – Infrastructure / Development Projects

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PROJECTS

Infrastructure Projects:

- City-wide Street Repair
- Miscellaneous Drainage Projects
- City-wide Water Storage Tank Rehab
- SH95 Expansion/Utilities Relocation
- GLO-CDBG MIT Regional Drainage Improvement Project(s)
- AMI System Repair / Upgrade
- Loop 230 Sidewalks / Main St ADA
- NW 2nd Drainage Improvement
- **NEW •** Wastewater Expansion Study
- **NEW •** City Hall Expansion / ADA Compliance
- **NEW •** Emergency Generators @ Water Plants(s)
- **NEW** Sealcoat and Re-stripe 1st Street
- **NEW Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Upgrades**
- **NEW** Install sprinklers at Little League Field
- **NEW •** 84R Runway Renovation
- **NEW •** City Warehouse Paving Project

Development Projects:

- Zoho Corporation
- M5 Subdivision
- The Grove Subdivision
- Woodrose Subdivision
- Enclave Subdivision
- Garwood Park Subdivision
- Smithville Solar One
- Property Center (aka Capella)
- Creekside RV Park
- Hill Road Development
- Smithville WTC (Phase 2)
- TDHCA Home Grant (4 Homes)
- Smithville River Project
- **NEW** Smithville Industrial Park
- **NEW** Tractor Supply
- **NEW** Gas Station / C-Store / Sonic
- **NEW** Family Dollar / Dollar Tree



Infrastructure Projects











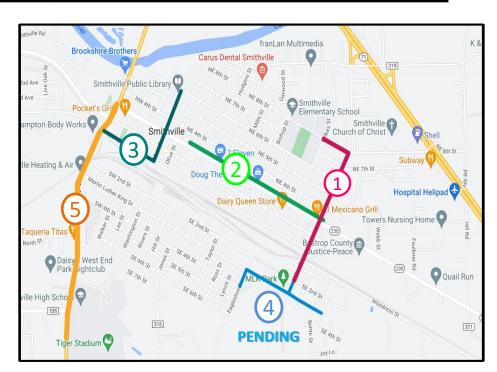






Safe-Routes-To-School (SRTS) / TA Set-Aside Sidewalks

- **\$2.7M in** TXDOT funding for ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps:
- SRTS Sidewalks from Smithville Elementary School 8th Street to Marburger / Miller \$878k (PINK LINE NO MATCH)
- 2 TA Set-Aside Sidewalks Loop 230 from Gresham to McSweeney \$618k (GREEN LINE \$154k MATCH / FY23)
- TA Set-Aside Sidewalks Main Street ADA Ramps and 1st Street Sidewalks -\$540k (BLUE LINE - \$135k MATCH /FY24)
- TA Set-Aside Sidewalks Hardeman to Eagleston (south) - \$668k (LIGHT BLUE LINE - \$120K MATCH – PENDING
- 5 SH95 Expansion Project



- RFQ Awarded to KSA Engineering to design and manage project per Council action on 1/11/21.
- Construction Start: JAN 2023





TRANSPORTATION

Upgrade SH 95 in Smithville to include turn lane with shoulders and pedestrian improvements

86(R) SB 1512 - UTILITY RELOCATION

Relating to relief from local matching funds requirements for certain counties. 6/10/2019 - Signed by the Governor.

PROJECT DELAYED - pending Union Pacific RR review and approval of TXDOT design.

DESIGN is 95% COMPLETE
CONSTRUCTION START = OCT 2023
COST = NOW \$12M
ESTIMATE \$4.3M FOR UTILITIES

State Highway 95 from Loop 230 to Farm to Market Road 535 Regional Project School Campus

CAMPO 2018 Call For Projects - Bastrop County





TXDOT "Green Ribbon" Project

- \$1.1M Project with Community Input (100% Funded by TXDOT)
- Landscaping & Scenic Enhancement
- Native / Drought-resistant Plants
- Planting Beds, Retaining Walls and Irrigation System
- City must assume Maintenance after 2-years.



Project A - HWY-71 and SH-95 just past the Loop 230 Exit (Airport)



Project B is located at HWY-71 and Colorado Drive



Road & Street Repairs

- Street closures with notification
 24-48 hours in advance.
- Includes SEALCOAT / RE-STRIPING Main Street, NW 1st, and NW/NE 2nd. Also includes Airport runway rehabilitation and paving at Oak Hill / Mt. Pleasant cemeteries.
- Pot-hole repairs will continue throughout town as reported and/or identified.
- Use Smithville <u>SEE/CLICK/FIX</u> link on the City Website or download the smart phone App.



City-wide Street Repairs and Paving Schedule - 2023						
Street	From / To	Paving Material	Prep Completed	Road Closure Required	Est. Paving Date	
City Warehouse	Back Parking / Staging Area	Hot Mix	YES	YES COMPLETE		
Main Street	1st to 7th Street	SEALCOAT	YES	YES	COMPLETE	
NW/NE 2nd	Olive to Ramona	SEALCOAT	YES	YES	COMPLETE	
NW 1st Street	Main Street to Hwy 95	SEALCOAT	NO	YES	MARCH	
84R (Airport)	Runway / Ramp	SEALCOAT	NO	YES	IVIARCH	
Bishop	1st and 2nd Street	Chip Seal	NO	YES		
Garwaood	NE 5th to Loop 230	Chip Seal	NO	YES	'ES APRIL	
Burleson	NE 5th to Colorado	Chip Seal	NO	YES		
Hudgins	NE 1st to Loop 230	Chip Seal	NO	YES		
5th Avenue	Live Oak to Hickory	Chip Seal	NO	YES		
Ash	4th Avenue to 6th Avenue	Chip Seal	NO	YES		
Walker	700 Block	Chip Seal	NO	YES		
Harper	Webster to Hwy 95	Chip Seal	NO	YES	IVIAT	
King's Way (RVICS)	Last Road on the Backside of RVICS	Chip Seal	NO	YES		
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery	Entry Road & Circle around Gazebo	Chip Seal	NO	O YES		
Oak Hill Cemetery	Entire Cemetery	Chip Seal	NO	YES	ILINE	
Uptown Drive	Old Upton Road to Pecan Shores	Chip Seal	NO	YES	JUNE	

City-wide Street Renairs and Paying Schedule - 2023







WHAT:

- Platform for Citizens to Report Issues using Smart Phone
- Low Cost Solution
- Create, Assign, Process, and Track Work Orders via CRM and/or Smart Phone App

BENEFITS:

- Increase Productivity / Efficiency
- Enhance Customer Service

HOW:

 Partner with SCF to Customize platform for City Use

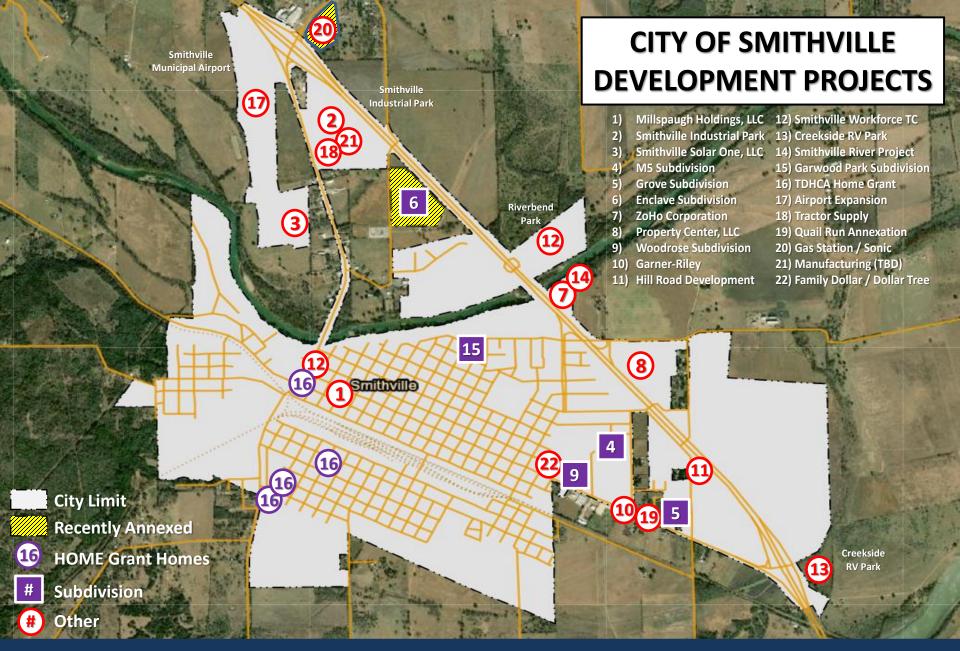




Development Projects









200+ NEW HOMES

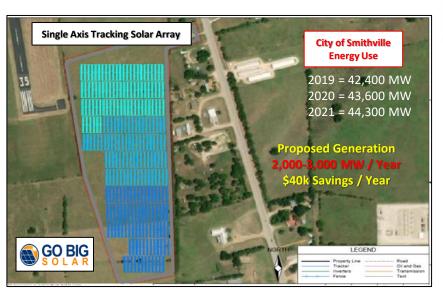
IN THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS





Go Big Solar

- 1-MW Solar Installation
- 24-acre tract off of Loop 230
- \$1.6M Developer Investment
- City can purchase up to 15% of Load
- 25-Yr. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)
- Voluntary Annexation per 380 Eco Dev
- CONSTRUCTION START: JUNE 2021





- 380 Eco Development Agreement and Interconnect Agreement signed.
- PPA terms and conditions (including price per kWh) approved by Smithville City Council in December 2019.
- CCOMPLETION: DEC 2021
- COMMISSIONING: JAN 2023



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Workforce Training Center

- \$400k St. David's Foundation Grants
- 404 Fawcett Old Tax Office
- Medical / Dental / Skilled Trades:

HVAC DENTAL HYGIENE

WELDING PHLEBOTOMY

PLUMBING VOCATIONAL NURSING

ELECTRICAL MEDICAL TECH

- Skilled Trades at Riverbend Pavilion.
- \$1M TDA Grant for Expansion
- Multiple Partners:





ISSUES:

None to Report

- April Daniels Executive Director
- Minor re-plat and zone change approved by City Council on 10/18/21.

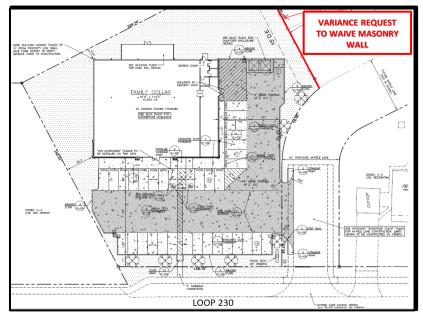




Family Dollar / Dollar Tree

- 1.29-acre tract Loop 230
- Zoned C3 (Highway Commercial)
- \$1.5-1.7M Developer Investment
- City to provide all utility services
- Driveway Entry off of Myrtle Lane
- Construction Start: Spring 2023
- Construction End: TBD





ISSUES:

- Post development stormwater flow must be equal to or less than pre-development flow.
- Variance request (no masonry wall) PENDING

- Developer plans to expand detention pond.
- Construction plans submitted for 3rd Party review by City. Approval - PENDING

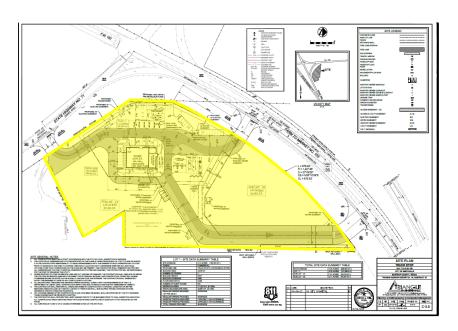






C-Store / Gas Station / QSR

- 7.04-acre tract @ FM-153 & HWY-71
- Voluntary Annexation (380 Agreement)
- \$2M Developer Investment
- 6-10 New Jobs to be created.
- Increase Sales / Property Tax Revenue
- Construction Start: Summer 2023





ISSUES:

None to Report

- City to provide Wastewater Service (50% Cost Share)
- Seeking Zone Change from SF1 to C3
- Submittal of construction plans for 3rd Party review - **PENDING**



Roadmap / Future Plans





CITY OF SMITHVILLE – STRATEGIC ROADMAP





Next 6 Months



Next 1-3 Years

- Held HHW Event
- <u>Completed</u> tub grinding at City leaf & limb (brush) dump.
- **Upgraded** City Council A/V system.
- <u>Completed</u> sealcoating and restriping of Main Street.
- <u>Expanded</u> Christmas Lights to the 300 block of Main Street and on NE/NW 2nd Street.
- Expanded water line to Loop 230 from American Legion Road.
- <u>Updated</u> City of Smithville Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP).
- <u>Replaced</u> ADA-compliant mulch at MLK Park, Riverbend Park, and Railroad Park playgrounds.
- <u>Prepared</u> and adopted FY22/23 balanced budget to include \$1.25M Tax Note and allocation of \$595k in ARPA funding (Round 2).
- <u>Supported</u> Design review/permitting of multiple development projects.

- <u>Complete</u> city-wide replacement of AMI water meters (currently 92%).
- <u>Implement</u> WaterSmart interface for utility customers (formerly Mi.NET)
- Renew PHI Air Ambulance contract for "no cost" medical transport of citizens.
- <u>Begin</u> construction of TXDOT SRTS / TA Set-Aside sidewalks projects.
- Update City Personnel Manual.
- **Update** Subdivision Ordinance
- <u>Complete</u> NW 2nd Drainage Improvement Project (Phase 1).
- Publish 84R Instrument Approach.
- Re-furbish Runway @ 84R.
- Complete FY21-22 Financial Audit.
- <u>Complete</u> repairs to elevated water and ground storage tanks.
- **Upgrade** Rec Center A/V systems.
- Initiate Comprehensive Plan process
- Complete City Hall Expansion project.
- <u>Complete</u> Dispatch system radio / console upgrade.

- <u>Adopt</u> updated Comprehensive Plan.
- <u>Continue</u> drainage improvements and road repairs.
- Update all City ordinances
- Expand Willows WWTP
- Expand Airport Runway to 5000'.
- <u>Manage</u> construction of regional flood mitigation projects using \$13M in GLO-CDBG MIT funding.
- <u>Complete</u> NE 2nd Drainage Improvement Project (Phase 2).
- Evaluate EDC and ESD creation.
- <u>Complete</u> SH95 Utilities Relocation and Expansion (TXDOT funded).
- <u>Complete</u> wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) expansion study.
- Expand Workforce Training Center
- <u>Promote</u> / support Economic Development initiatives.
- <u>Recruit</u> developers / investors to bring housing, jobs, and new business to our community.

As of 12/30/22

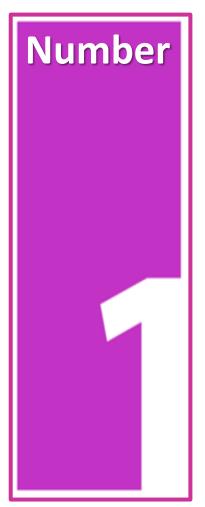
- Much has been accomplished but still much to be done.
- Strategic Focus Infrastructure Improvement, Eco Development, and Fiscal Responsibility.
- Partner with the Community, Chamber, and County to proactively manage growth in a manner that preserves and protects our small-town look, charm, and feel.





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WASTEWATER RATES
CALCULATED BY USING
3-MONTH "WINTER"
WATER USE
AVERAGE



- Wastewater rates set by using a three (3)
 month "winter" water use average between
 DECEMBER and FEBRUARY.
- Monthly Sewer Rate Residents pay \$15.00 base rate plus \$4.00 per 1000 gallons of water used.
- Cut back on water use to save money.





PROPERTY OWNERS
ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR
\$10,000 DISABILITY
AND/OR 65-YEARS+
HOMESTEAD
EXEMPTION



- Over-65 tax freeze is a freeze on tax dollars....not property value.
- Preliminary analysis indicates estimated SAVINGS of \$150-175 / year.
- City Council adopted resolution to freeze taxes for 65 and older in November 2021.



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CITY SIGNED 1-YEAR
AGREEMENT WITH PHI
AIR MEDICAL, LLC FOR
"NO COST" EMERGENCY
AIR TRANSPORT OF ANY
CITIZEN LIVING INSIDE
CITY LIMITS



- Average cost of emergency air ambulance transport is \$45-50k.
- City Council Approved 1-Yr Service Agreement (\$15k) in April 2022.
- Five (5) citizens transported YTD.





	Position	Candidate	Term Lenth	Term Expires	Election Type	Candidate Status		
City of Smithville	Alderman - Place 1	TBD	2 Voors	May 2023	General	Challenger		
	Alderman - Place 1	TBD	2-Years			Challenger		
	Alderman - Place 2	Tom Etheredge	2-Years	May 2023	General	Incumbent		
		TBD				Challenger		
	Alderman - Place 3	Jimmy Jenkins	2-Years	May 2023	General	Challenger		
		TBD				Challenger		
SISD	Trustee - Place 1	Chris Hinnant	3-Years	May 2023	General	Incumbent		
	Hustee - Place 1	TBD	3-1Ed15			Challenger		
	Tweeter Diese 2	Grant Gutierrez	2 Voore	May 2023	General	Incumbent		
	Trustee - Place 2	TBD	3-Years			Challenger		
	Note: Joanna Morgan (Place 1) and William Gordon (Place 2) are not seeking another term in office.							

- Deadline to File for School / City Elections is February 19, 2023.
- City Council Place 1, 2, 3 / SISD Place 1 and 2.
- Early voting April 24, 2023 to May 2, 2023
- Election Day is **Saturday, May 6, 2022** (7:00 am to 7:00 pm).





CHANGE IS A UNIVERSAL CONSTANT



- We must manage growth in a manner that preserves and protects our small town look, charm, and feel without jeopardizing our "uniqueness".
- People are our most valuable asset.



- Code Enforcement
- Building Inspector
- Flood Plain Manager
- Emergency Management Coordinator
- Public Works / Utilities Director
- Fire Fighter
- Fire Marshall
- Fisherman (and Fisher of Men)
- Community Volunteer
- Husband / Father / Grandfather
- And Soon To Be a Retiree



40-Years with the City of Smithville!



Questions???







