

CITY OF SMITHVILLE  
JANUARY 11, 2016  
COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Mark Bunte, Councilmembers William Gordon, Rhonda Janak, Bennie Rooks, Scott Saunders and City Manager Robert Tamble. Councilwoman Joanna Morgan was not present.

**Open Meeting:**

*Call to order:* Mayor Bunte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

*Invocation:* City Manager Tamble gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Saunders led the pledge.

*Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:* 4<sup>th</sup> grader Evyan Parnell read her paper on Character Word-Loyalty. Mayor Bunte read a proclamation proclaiming January 8<sup>th</sup> as Ida Mae Powell East Day in celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Associate Judge David Herrington was presented a pin in recognition of his 20 years of service with the city.

*Approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2015 Council Meeting and Public Hearing:* Councilman Rooks moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion, Action and Updates from Chamber President on:* a) *Highway 71 Billboard Design:* President Daniels presented a design plan to Council for the new billboard to be placed on Hwy. 71. Councilman Rooks moved to approve the design as presented. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. b) *Cultural District Projects:* Daniels updated Council on scriptures to be placed along Main Street. Daniels stated she will work with Jack Page, Public Works Director, as to where they can be placed and work with him on sharing the cost of concreting them in. She also advised they are working on applying for a grant thru the Cultural District and KSB. The Chamber will be working with SISD on kids and arts with the Texas Commission on the Arts for multiple Banners. It was suggested one be placed in the triangle at the entrance of town. c) *Keep Smithville Beautiful Projects:* Intent is to repaint the Gazebo, benches and signs at the RR Park, power wash Smitty and partnership up with the city for a city wide clean-up.

*Discussion and Action on a Resolution authorizing a grant application with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD); authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the application, with the Grant Administrator as his alternate; and pledging that if a grant is received the City will comply with the grant requirements of the TPWD CO-OP Grant Program:* Grant writer Strube presented the grant application proposal to the Council. There was her second attempt at the grant. The application would be for the purchase of kayaks for use during the PARD/Library Summer Program. Councilman Saunders moved to approve the resolution authorizing the grant submission. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on a Resolution Calling the May 7, 2016 Municipal Election:* Councilman Saunders moved to approve the resolution calling for the Mayor and Council Election on May 7, 2016. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on the Financial Report:* Councilman Gordon moved to approve the report. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Adjourn:* The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Mark A. Bunte, Mayor

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Brenda C. Page, City Secretary