

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
FEBRUARY 8, 2016
COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Present: Mayor Mark Bunte, Councilmembers William Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Bennie Rooks, Scott Saunders and City Manager Robert Tamble. Councilwoman Rhonda Janak 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 Rooks led in the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: 3rd grader Kaitlyn Bolt read her paper on Character Word-Justice.

Approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2016 Council Meeting: Councilman Gordon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Saunders seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on a Special Use Permit for a garage apartment and a 30% coverage variance at 100 Whitehead St., Byrne Addition, Blk. 123, Lot 5 owner-Johnnie Thomas: Planning and Zoning Chairman Nancy Catherman advised Council the recommendation from P & Z was to approve the request.

Public Hearing:

Call to order: Mayor Bunte called the Public Hearing to order.

Hear Citizen Comments on a Special Use Permit for a garage apartment and a 30% coverage variance at 100 Whitehead St., Byrne Addition, Blk. 123, Lot 5 owner-Johnnie Thomas: Mr. Thomas answered questions from the Council, one being the intent of the apartment. Thomas advised he wasn't going to build at this time a large home that instead he would be building a garage with a small home attached for him to live in. There were no citizen inquiries.

Adjourn: The Public Hearing adjourned.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action on a Special Use Permit for a garage apartment and a 30% coverage variance at 100 Whitehead St., Byrne Addition, Blk. 123, Lot 5 owner-Johnnie Thomas: Councilman Rooks moved to approve the Special use permit and the variance. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the review of a Taxicab License Application in accordance with Chapter 4, Business Regulations, Article 4.200 Taxicabs, Section 4.204 Application for License: Hoyt Jenkins asked the Council to consider him opening a service to assist individuals who need transportation to and from doctor visits and/or medical treatments. Council expressed they see a need for such a service. He had questions of the Council also. There were requirements for the license that he still had to do and more research he wanted to do before he will take the step of apply. Councilwoman Morgan moved that the Council did recognize a need for such a service and to allow Mr. Jenkins to start the application process. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a request from LaTierra De Simmons for a License Agreement to encroach onto city property at 109 NE 2nd Street for an awning: Steve Simmons would like to build a 6'x8' awning above the entrance of Honey's Pizza to protect patrons from the elements of weather. Council felt it was replacing one that had been there and that it would fit in with the other buildings in the area. Councilman Saunders moved to approve the encroachment request. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on appointments to boards: a) *Regional Hospital Board:* Councilman Saunders moved to appoint Dareld Morris to replace Jim Rosebrough. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously. b) *Planning and Zoning Commission:* Councilwoman Morgan moved to appoint Guy Farmer to replace Michelle Cole. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Resolution for Grant Applications: a) *Approving the Submission of the Capital Area Council of Governments Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Designating the City Manager as the Authorized City Official:* The Police Department is requesting funds to improve systems and equipment through the JAG Grant. No match is required. Councilman Rooks moved to approve the Resolution supporting the grant application. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously. b) *Approving the Submission of the Capital Area Council of Governments Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant and Designating the City Manager as the Authorized City Official:* The Municipal Courts is requesting funds for a truancy reduction program from CAPCOG. This grant requires no match. Councilman Gordon moved to approve the Resolution supporting the grant application. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a request to varying from the City Ordinance, Chapter 1, General Provision, Article 1.1900, Crime Reward, Dollar Amount for the Arrest and Conviction of any person found guilty of committing a felony within Smithville's city limits: City Manager Tamble advised Council this was a onetime request to increase the reward to \$25,000.00 for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the death of Vernon Davis. Councilwoman Morgan moved to allow the increase for this one case. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Approval of additional banking accounts: Finance Director Cynthia White requested permission to open additional bank accounts to help improve the tracking and accounting of expenditures. a) *COPS Hiring Program Grant:* Councilman Saunders moved to approve the opening of the additional account. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. b) *Police Seized Assets Fund:* Councilman Saunders moved to approve the opening of the additional account. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Approved:

Mark A. Bunte, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda C. Page, City Secretary

