

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2017

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders, Councilmembers William Gordon, Rhonda Janak, Joanna Morgan, Bennie Rooks, Troy Streuer and City Manager Robert Tamble

Open Meeting:

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

Invocation: Pastor Tim Apple of Grace Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Janak led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Presentations: Mayor Saunders read a proclamation for Ruth Stalmach Whitehead Day. Grant Writer Jill Strube present certificates of appreciation to Expo Volunteers.

Approval of minutes from the February 13, 2017 Council Meeting and Public Hearing, and the February 18, 2017 Special Called Meeting: Councilman Gordon moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on an Agreement with Aqua Water Supply Corporation designating the Retail Water Service Area Boundaries (CCN): City Manager Tamble presented the agreement for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) of approximately 917 acres of land to be transferred to the city. The formal agreement designating retail water service boundaries with Aqua Water is required by the Public Utilities Commission as part of the CCN transfer application process. Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the agreement. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the mowing agreement for the Smithville Crawford Municipal Airport: The city did a request for bids for the hay mowing contract at the Airport. Only one bid was received and it was from Ervin Hofferek with him paying \$1,000.00 per year for the mowing rights. Councilwoman Janak moved to grant the contract to Mr. Hofferek. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a Resolution authorizing approval of the Management Contract Award for the Home Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Home Grant): City Manager Tamble presented the resolution. He noted to those present that this would be for the 18th new home to be built in Smithville. Langford Community Management Services was the only grant management service to submit a proposal. Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve Langford Community Management Services the contract. Councilwoman Janak 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 (SMUBER) by Mike Ryan: Mike Ryan spoke to the Council advising he and Steve Simmons had an interested in providing a SMUBER Service in Smithville. The Mayor and Council had several questions for Mr. Ryan in how the program was to be operated, how they would charge the customers and insurance that would be required. Councilwoman Morgan stated she could see a need and would like to see this type of service. Councilman Morgan move to have them move forward with the application for a taxi service due to a public convenience and necessity. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Financial Report: Councilman Gordon moved to approve the report. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Meeting:

The City Council will hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney on seeking advice on pending litigation: Mayor Saunders stated there would be no Executive Session.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action as a result of the Executive Session: No Action. No Executive.

Adjourn: Prior to adjourning Mayor Saunders advised the Gingerbread Man was on vacation from the Railroad Park. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved:

Scott A. Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda C. Page, City Secretary