

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

April 11, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Mark Bunte, Councilmembers Joanna Morgan, Bennie Rooks, Scott Saunders, Rhonda Janak, Bill Gordon and City Manager Tamble.

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 Bennie Rooks led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Character Trait Presentation "Self-Discipline" – Hailee Gray – 4th Grade read her essay.

Approval of the minutes from the March 14, 2016 Council Meeting and Public Hearing: Councilman Saunders moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on: a side yard setback at 1001 Colorado Street, Thorn Addition (A46L Lomas) Lot 2 (FR), Acres 3.3630, owner-Theodore & Terri Krueger. Planning & Zoning recommended to approve this request.

Public Hearing:

Call to order: Mayor Bunte called the public hearing to order

Hear citizen's comments on a side yard setback at 1001 Colorado Street, Thorn Addition (A46L Lomas) Lot 2 (FR), Acres 3.3630, owner-Theodore & Terri Krueger. No one signed up to speak for or against.

Adjourn: The public hearing adjourned.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action on a side yard setback at 1001 Colorado Street, Thorn Addition (A46L Lomas) Lot 2 (FR), Acres 3.3630, owner-Theodore & Terri Krueger – Councilman Rooks moved to approve the request. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Discussion and Action on: the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Audit - Singleton, Clark & Company, PC completed the annual audit of the City of Smithville's 2014-15 financial statements. Jack Clark was present to explain the results of the audit indicating the assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$9,688,048. The city's total net position increased by \$918,141. However due to the implementation of GASB 68, which relates to pension liability, a prior period adjustment had to be made. This adjustment decreased the city's net position by \$359,919. The net effect of this adjustment resulted in a net position increase of \$560,232 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. In comparison, our net position decreased by \$467,159 during the 2013-14 fiscal year. The audit reported no findings or questioned costs being reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the audit. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action: on CenterPoint Energy 2016 Annual GRIP Adjustment - CenterPoint Energy is asking the Texas Railroad Commission for a Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) Interim Rate Adjustment (IRA) to their base rate(s). Under Texas law (re: Gas Utilities Regulatory Act), we do not have the ability to oppose the rate increase. However, we can postpone the effective date of the proposed increase for 45-days. The rate will be increased by \$1.14/month for residential service and \$2.31/month for small commercial service. The adjusted monthly charge (base rate) will be \$21.21 and \$34.75 respectively. This represents an average increase of 5-7%. The rate increase will help recover \$2.1M of incremental spending for capital infrastructure improvements. The proposed IRA will become effective on May 30, 2016 unless the City chooses to suspend the IRA effective date until July 14, 2016. Councilman Saunders moved to suspend the IRA effective date until July 14, 2016. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on: a Resolution approving the submission of the Office of the Governor's Body-Worn Camera Program Grant and Designating the City Manager as the Authorized City Official Jill Strube answered questions council had regarding the body camera grant. Councilman Saunders moved to approve the grant and designate the City Manager as the Authorized City official. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Financial Report: Councilman Saunders made a motion to approve the report. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mark A. Bunte, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary