

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

May 15, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Saunders, Councilmembers, Bennie Rooks, Troy Streuer, Bill Gordon, Rhonda Janak, Joanna Morgan, and City Manager Tamble.

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

Invocation: Mike Murphy from the Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Janak led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:

Mayor Saunders presented a proclamation for "Lion's Club Centennial Celebration" and "Police Officer Memorial Day & National Police Week". Chief Maugere had a Smithville PD Presentation. Stephen Vowell gave a presentation on the MESH Information Technology Assessment Report.

Approval of the minutes from the April 10, 2017 Council Meeting and Public Hearing:

Councilman Gordon moved to approve the minutes as written for the April 10, 2017 Council Meeting and Public Hearing Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a Resolution Canvassing the May 6, 2017 Municipal Election:

Councilwoman Morgan made motion to approve the Resolution declaring Re-elected Bennie Rooks Jr. Councilmember to Place 1, Re-elected Rhonda Janak Councilmember to Place 2 and Re-elected Bill Gordon Councilmember to Place 3. Councilman Streuer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Judge Ron Jones administered the Pre-Oaths and Mayor Saunders administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilmember Bennie Rooks Jr., re-elected Councilmember Rhonda Janak and Re-elected Councilmember Bill Gordon.

Mayor Saunders Issued the Certificates of Election to Bennie Rooks Jr., Rhonda Janak and Bill Gordon.

Discussion and Action on Election of Mayor Pro-tem: Councilman Gordon made a motion to elect Councilwoman Morgan the Mayor Pro-tem. Councilman Rooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on a minor re-plat at 172 FM 2571 Robert G. Anstey Subdivision, Lot 1, ACRES 1.332 Owner-Robert G Anstey: Ron Jones from the Planning and Zoning commission said that P&Z recommend approving the minor re-plat with a vote of 3 to 1.

Public Hearing:

Hear citizen's comments on a minor re-plat at 172 FM 2571 Robert G. Anstey Subdivision, Lot 1, ACRES 1.332 Owner-Robert G Anstey: There were no citizens signed up to speak for or against the minor re-plat.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action on a minor re-plat at 172 FM 2571 Robert G. Anstey Subdivision, Lot 1, ACRES 1.332 Owner-Robert G Anstey: Councilman Streuer made a motion to deny the minor re-plat. There was no second to the motion. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the minor re-plat. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion and the vote was:

For: Morgan, Janak, Rooks, and Gordon

Against: Streuer

Discussion and Action on a Resolution Authorizing the City of Smithville to enter into an Inter-local Agreement (ILA) with Bastrop County for completion of a Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Regional Solid Waste Grant and authorize the City Manager to act as the Executive Officer and Authorized representative: Bastrop County Commissioner's Court passed a resolution 4/24/17 to enter into an ILA with the City of Smithville for the completion of the CAPCOG solid waste grant. The ILA is basically an operations and maintenance agreement for the purpose of managing, storing, and disposing of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). The Bastrop County Reuse and Recycling (BCRR) facility will be located on SE 2nd and Taylor Street in the southeast corner of the County's utility yard. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the resolution to enter into an Inter-local Agreement (ILA) with Bastrop County. Councilman Rooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Gordon made a motion to authorize the City Manager to act as the Executive Officer and authorized representative. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on amendments to the Golf Cart ordinance and Resolution setting rate: The golf cart ordinance is being amended to remove utility vehicle reference from the fact sheet and authorization form. In addition, a resolution is required to raise the golf cart permit fee from \$25 to \$50 for a 2-year permit. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the amendments to the Golf Cart Ordinance. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Resolution to setting the rate. Councilman Rooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Ordinance amending the traffic and vehicles Ordinance of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinance at NE 2nd from Main St to Olive St. making it a ONE WAY street: The narrow street width, two-way traffic, and parking congestion on NE 2nd Street have created a hazard to both motorists and pedestrians that needs to be addressed. Eliminating two-way traffic on NE 2nd between Main Street and Olive will significantly reduce the current hazard potential. Councilwoman Janak made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending the traffic and vehicles Ordinance of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinance at NE 2nd from Main St to Olive St. making it a ONE WAY street. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Ordinance amending the traffic and vehicles Ordinance of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinance to put a STOP sign at 6th St. and Hudgins St.: In response to a citizen request for a stop sign (due to concerns of speeding and reckless driving) the Smithville PD conducted a traffic survey at 6th and Hudgins. As the result of the traffic survey, the PD recommends a stop sign be placed at this intersection. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve amending the traffic and vehicles Ordinance of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinance to put a STOP sign at 6th St. and Hudgins St. Councilwoman Janak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Republic Services rate increase: Republic Services rates have not been raised since 2015. We are the only municipality that has twice a week residential garbage service and Republic Services is proposing a rate increase to align cost with what other municipalities are paying and recover gross margin losses due increased operational cost as compared to BLS industry standards. Currently, we pay approximately \$354k per year for garbage services. The total increase being proposed is 27% or \$95k. The increase will be spread out over the next 4-years. Despite the increase, we are still getting a very good deal. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the Republic Service rate increase. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Financial Report: Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Councilwoman Janak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: at 7:10 p.m.

Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary

