

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

May 16, 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: Councilwoman Joanna Morgan led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Character Trait Presentation "Integrity" – Chelsea Hendrix – 3rd Grade read her essay.

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

Discussion and Action on resolution Canvassing the May 7, 2016 Municipal Election: The city does this after each election. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the resolution declaring Scott Saunders Jr. as Mayor, Troy Streuer Council member Place 5 and Council member Joanna Morgan Re-elected to Place 4 Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Administering of the Pre- Oaths and Oath of Office to Elected Officials: Mayor Mark Bunte administered Pre-Oaths and Oaths of office to newly elected officials Councilman Troy Streuer, re-elected Joanna Morgan and New Mayor Scott Saunders Jr.

Issuing of Certificates of Election: Mayor Mark Bunte issued certificates of election also Mayor Scott Saunders Jr. presented Mayor Mark Bunte with plaque and Robert Tamble presented Mark with a flag and an award.

Discussion and Action on Election of Mayor Pro-tem: Councilman Rooks made motion to appoint Joanna Morgan Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the awarding of the EDA Grant- Water Improvement (the portion of the infrastructure) Bid: Sealed bids were opened on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 for the Hwy 71 water improvement project. The City received twelve (12) bids ranging from \$836,039 to \$1,398,814 the lowest combined base bid plus an alternate bid for a 16-inch water line was submitted by Mercer Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$836,039. Joseph Willrich from BEFCO Engineering, Inc. provided an overview of the project and bid tabulation. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to award the EDA Grant –Water improvement bid to Mercer Construction Co., Inc Councilwoman Janak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on: Minor re-plat at 500 & 502 7th Ave., Mt. Pleasant addition Blk. 29, Lot 5, owner-Bennie & Linda Rooks. Planning & Zoning recommended to approve this request.

Public Hearing:

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

Hear citizen's comments on minor re-plat at 500 & 502 7th Ave., Mt. Pleasant addition Blk. 29, Lot 5, owner-Bennie & Linda Rooks No one signed up to speak for or against.

Adjourn: The public hearing adjourned.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action Minor re-plat at 500 & 502 7th Ave., Mt. Pleasant addition Blk. 29, Lot 5, owner-Bennie & Linda Rooks – Councilman Rooks will abstain because it is his property.

Councilwoman Rhonda Janak moved to approve the request. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed with a vote of: For: Councilman Gordon, Councilman Streuer

Councilwoman Janak and Councilwoman Morgan. Against: None Abstained: Councilman Rooks

Discussion and Action on: an amendment to the City Code of Ordinances by adding Section 7D-Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks, to Chapter 14-Zoning, Article 2- Establishment of Districts- Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve *amendment to the City Code of Ordinances by adding Section 7D-Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks, to Chapter 14-Zoning, Article 2- Establishment of Districts.* Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action: on amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14-Zoning, artical2- Establishment of Districts, Chapter 14-Zoning, Section 3-SF-1 Single Family District, Subsection 3.5 Area Regulation (d) Lot Width: There are a few interior lots within the City limits that do not have public access by means of a City street. This amendment would allow access to an interior lot from an existing City alley with written permission of the City Manager. Councilman Rooks moved to amend the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14-Zoning, artical2- Establishment of Districts, Chapter 14-Zoning, Section 3-SF-1 Single Family District, Subsection 3.5 Area Regulation (d) Lot Width. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a proposal to apply for a Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Grant: This grant would help secure funding to assist in the repair, renovation, and maintenance of the City-owned LPAA building as part of our Cultural District. We are asking for \$20k in total funding (including 50/50 match) if awarded the City will need to budget \$10k for this project in FY17. Councilwoman Janak made a motion to approve the proposal to apply for a Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) Grant. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Closed Meeting:

The City Council held a Closed Executive Meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072, deliberation regarding real property.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action as a result of the Closed Meeting: Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to authorize the City Manager to move forward in purchase of property for drainage. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary