

# CITY OF SMITHVILLE

June 13, 2016

## COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

*Invocation:* City Manager Tamble gave the invocation.

*Pledge of Allegiance:* Councilman Streuer led the pledge.

*Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:* The Smithville Special Olympics team came to the meeting to be recognized for their accomplishments at the area games and received certificates from the City. Jackson Harris, Emma Gilstrap, Matthew Gorman, Travis Gorman, Mr. Petterson and Mrs. Petterson were present.

*Approval of the minutes from the May 16, 2016 Council Meeting and Public Hearing:* Councilman Gordon moved to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on resolution Authorizing the County to execute the documents required to resale the property of 300 Hardeman Street, Bunte Addition, Blk. 19, Lot 1 that are held in trust by the Smithville Independent School District and / or the County of Bastrop:* Approving this will allow the property to be donated to Habitat for Humanity and they can build a new house on this property and put this property back on our tax roll. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the resolution to resale the property at 300 Hardeman Street. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on a Resolution authorizing the submission of the Texas Home Investment Partnership Competitive Program Applications and Authorizing the City Manager to act as City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative:* Approving this would allow us the opportunity to apply for a grant to receive money to build a new home for a qualified family within the City of Smithville. The City has already built 17 homes since 2003 this would be our 18<sup>th</sup> home if we get the grant. Councilwoman Janak made a motion to approve the resolution to participate in the Home Grant program. Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Hearing:**

*Hear citizen's comments on a Grant Application to Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purchase of the Police Department:* Public Hearing was not held due to reevaluation of the Grant.

### **Open Meeting:**

*Discussion and Action on a Resolution Appointing the City Manager as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters in the Connection with the FEMA Mitigation Project and Committing the City to provide local matching funds to secure and complete the FEMA Mitigation Grant:* Approving this resolution would mean we can move forward in applying for a grant that will help with improving drainage around town. Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on a Resolution approving an Advance Funding Agreement between the City and the State of Texas acting through the Texas Department of Transportation for Texas Highway Loop 230 Sidewalks and Authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the city:* Approving this resolution would allow the City to apply for a grant that would provide \$592,000.00 for sidewalks in town. The City would have to budget \$48k- 50k to match this grant but not until 2018 Fiscal year. Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Streuer 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:** went in at 6:31

*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 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; discussion regarding commercial business prospect.*

**Open Meeting:** returned 7:55

*Discussion and Action as a result of the Closed Meeting:* Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to not take any action at this time. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Adjourn:* The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary