

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

OCTOBER 19, 2020

COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders Jr, Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Sharon Foerster, and City Manager Robert Tamble. Not Present Jason Hewitt and Cassie Barrientos. This meeting was a zoom Conference call.

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

Invocation: Chris Brown gave the invocation.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Mayor Saunders read a proclamation on "Municipal Court Week", and "Breast Cancer Awareness Month".

Approval of the minutes from September 14, 2020, Council Meeting and Public Hearing, Councilman Gordon moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendation from Planning and Zoning on:

- a) A minor re-plat at 303 Hill Street Townsite Block 86 Lot 2&3 Owner David and Linda Salas. P&Z Chair Brian said the P&Z recommends approving the re-plat.

Public Hearing:

- a) A minor re-plat at 303 Hill Street Townsite Block 86 Lot 2&3 Owner David and Linda Salas. No one signed up to speak for or against this item

Open Meeting:

Council Discussion and Action on:

- a) A minor re-plat at 303 Hill Street Townsite Block 86 Lot 2&3 Owner David and Linda Salas. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the re-plat. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on revoking Ordinance #2017-545 that allows the issuance of a citation by the City Inspector and/or Code Enforcement Officer. The ordinance is being revoked after the determination by our legal Counsel that the City Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer is NOT legally allowed to issue citations. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.200 Cemeteries and Burial of the dead Section 1.213 Decorations of Plots. Approving this ordinance amendment will allow existing benches (and other prohibited items identified) that have been placed by family members on, or around, their loved one's gravesite(s) to be "grandfathered" while establishing an effective date prohibiting the future placement of such items. The ordinance amendment will also prohibit the placement of solar lighting fixtures on, or around, gravesites. Councilwoman Foerster made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on approving the Budget Amendment(s) amending the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget. Cynthia has finalized our 2019/20 budget amendments. Revenues exceeded expenditures by approximately \$270k on a \$12.1M budget. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to accept the Budget Amendments. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Financial Report: Councilwoman Foerster made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: at 6:26 p.m.

Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary