

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

November 14, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

*Invocation:* Karen Boehk from the United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

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

*Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:* A proclamation was presented by Mayor Saunders for Smithville Walk-to-School Day. Third grader Shantel Kate Magluyan read her essay about the Character Trait word "Compassion".

*Approval of the minutes from the October 17, 2016 Council Meeting and Public Hearing, and the November 7, 2016 Public Hearing:* Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the minutes as written for the October 17, 2016 Council Meeting and Public Hearing, and the November 7, 2016 Public Hearing Councilman Rooks Seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the September 15, 2016 Special Called Meeting. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on a: zone change from Single Family & Duplex District to Community Facilities District and a variance to not build the sound barrier wall of Blk. 83, Lot 1-2, owner Smithville Food Pantry. Agent: Dennis Snyder:* Nancy Catherman said the P&Z recommended that the council approve the zone change from Single Family to Community Facilities and to not make them build the sound barrier wall.

**Public Hearing:**

*Hear citizen's comments on a zone change from Single Family & Duplex District to Community Facilities District and a variance to not build the sound barrier wall at Blk. 83, Lot 1-2, owner Smithville Food Pantry. Agent: Dennis Snyder:* No one signed up to speak for or against the zone change.

Hear citizen's comments on proposed annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of the city to include the following described property: No one signed up to speak for or against the annexation.

- a) Faldyn Subdivision, Lot 1, 6.154 Acres (Parcel #R122460), Smithville Hospital Authority, Owner
- b) A27 Decrow, Thomas, 68.094 Acres (Parcel #R70936) and A27 Decrow, Thomas, 1.014 Acres (Parcel #R21659), Smithville 71 GP, LLC, Owner

## **Open Meeting:**

*Discussion and Action on zone change from Single Family & Duplex District to Community Facilities District and a variance to not build the sound barrier wall of Blk. 83, Lot 1-2, owner Smithville Food Pantry. Agent: Dennis Snyder:* Agent Dennis Snyder spoke for the Smithville Food Pantry and explained they are requesting a zone change from SF-2 (Single Family & Duplex District) to CF (Community Facility) so they can build a new Food Pantry on these lots. The CF zone requires the owner to build a sound barrier which the Smithville Food Pantry considers unnecessary. Councilwoman Janak made a motion to approve the zone change and to not build the sound barrier wall. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action to award the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City of Smithville's 2017-18 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract implementation if application is funded:* Proposals for engineering services have been received and reviewed for participation in the 2017-18 TxCDBG program. Typically, projects associated with the TxCDBG grant involve water and wastewater improvements. Experience, work performance, and capacity to perform were criteria used by the City staff to evaluate / differentiate each engineering consultant's qualifications. BEFCO Engineering, Thonhoff Consulting Engineers (TCE), and TRC were the three (3) engineering service consultants who submitted proposals. BEFCO Engineering received the highest rating and was presented as the preferred engineering consultant. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to award BEFCO as the engineer for Smithville's 2017-18 TxCDBG Community Development Fund contract. Councilman Rooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

*Discussion and Action to award the management / administrative services contract for the preparation of the City of Smithville's 2017-18 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract administration if application is funded:* Langford Community Management Services was the only grant management service provider to submit a proposal. Councilman Gordon made a motion to award Langford Community Management Services the management / administrative services contract for the City of Smithville's 2017-18 TxCDBG Community Development Fund. Councilman Streuer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on Artwork base completion on Bill McGlaun's Angel in the Veteran's Memorial Park: Rachel Helfrich* has come up with a conceptual design to finish out the base of the Veterans Memorial Park angel. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve Rachel Helfrich to sculpt the relief to be installed around the base of the Angel and receive a paver for her Husband and monetary compensation not to exceed \$500.00 total for both the paver and the monetary fee. Councilwoman Janak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on the dissolving of the Smithville Industrial Development Foundation:* Councilman Rooks made a motion to dissolve the Smithville Industrial Development Foundation. Councilwoman Janak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on the opening of a new city bank account for City Grants:* Creating a dedicated bank account for City grants will help improve tracking and accounting of these expenditures. Councilman Gordon made a motion to open a new bank account for the City Grants. Councilman Streuer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

*Adjourn:* at 6:33 p.m.

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Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary