

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

December 10, 2018

COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Rhonda Janak, Cassie Barrientos, City Manager Robert Tamble. Not present Bennie Rooks. Not present Mayor Saunders.

Open Meeting: Call to order: Mayor Pro-tem Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation: Robert gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Janak led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Fifth grader Jessi Davis read her essay on Character Trait word "Perseverance". The Texas A&M Forest Service Presented the City with a plaque for the support and use of our airport.

Approval of the minutes from the January 23, 2017 Special Called Meeting, October 22, 2018 Special Called Meeting, October 25, 2018 Special Called Meeting and November 13, 2018 Council Meeting and Public Hearing: Councilwoman Janak moved to approve all of the minutes as written. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendation from Planning and Zoning on a side yard setback variance at 407 Ramona St., Smithville Townsite Addition, Block 12, Lots 1,2,5 & 6, Owner Quance Development, L.L.C.-Teri Quance: Nancy Catherman said the P&Z recommended approving the side yard setback.

Public Hearing:

Hear Citizens Comments on a side yard setback variance at 407 Ramona St., Smithville Townsite Addition, Block 12, Lots 1,2,5 & 6, Owner Quance Development, L.L.C.-Teri Quance: No one signed up to speak for or against the request.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action on a side yard setback variance at 407 Ramona St., Smithville Townsite Addition, Block 12, Lots 1,2,5 & 6, Owner Quance Development, L.L.C.-Teri Quance : Teri Quance is requesting a variance to allow a 5-foot side yard setback instead of the required 10-foot side yard setback for her Country Inn. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the side yard setback variance. Councilwoman Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of "City of Smithville Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019"; Providing for the Payment of said Certificates by the Levy of an Ad Valorem Tax upon all Taxable Property within the City and further securing said Certificates by a Lien on and Pledge of the Pledged Revenues of the System; Providing the Terms and Conditions of said Certificates and Resolving other Matters Incident and Relating to the Issuance, Payment, Security, Sale, and

Delivery of said Certificates, Including the Approval and Distribution of an Official Statement Pertaining Thereto; Authorizing the Execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and an Official Bid Form; Complying with the Requirements of the Letter of Representations Previously Executed with the Depository Trust Company; Authorizing the Execution of any Necessary Engagement Agreements with the City's Financial Advisors and/or Bond Counsel; and Providing an Effective Date: Should this ordinance be approved, the City will be issuing Certificates of Obligation (or municipal bonds) in the amount of \$3.0M for repairs to our water, sewer, drainage, and road infrastructure. Mark McLiney and Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. presented the results of our most recent S&P Bond Rating and reviewing the details of the bond sale terms (i.e., amortization schedule, payment dates, principal and interest, etc.). We achieved an "AA-minus" bond rating score - which is very good. The AA-minus rating exempts the City from having to purchase bond insurance which costs approximately \$15k. Councilwoman Janak made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the adoption of an Ordinance Establishing a Monthly Fee of \$5.75 for water and wastewater improvements: Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve to ordinance establishing a Monthly Fee of \$5.75 for water and wastewater improvements. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Cemetery Sexton Contract: Roy Wood our current cemetery sexton was at the meeting to tell the Council all that he does at and for the cemetery. Councilman Rooks made a motion to appoint Roy Wood as the Cemetery sexton. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9 Personnel, Article 9.200 Housing Authority Created, Referring to Terms of the Housing Authority Board: Language in the Housing Authority Ordinance has been updated requiring Board members appointed by the Mayor to be approved by the City Council. Resident Board members can now serve consecutive terms but no more than two (2) one-year terms. All other Board members are limited to two consecutive (2) two-year terms. Board member terms shall now expire in December of their designated year. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to approve the amendments. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Closed Meeting: went into closed meeting at 7:01

The City Council will hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 55, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.074, to discuss personnel (The appointment of Municipal Court Judge, Associate Court Judge, Court Clerk, and Deputy Court Clerk) - Multiple applicants have expressed interest and/or submitted their resume for consideration to fill the part-time Municipal Court Judge's position.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action as a result of the Executive Session:

Discussion and Action on an amendment to the City Code of Ordinance, Chapter 7 Municipal Court, Article 7.100 Court, Section 7.103 Judge, and Section 7.104, Court Clerk: Councilwoman Janak moved to approve the Ordinance Amendment defining the Municipal Judge's Salary and the positions of Associate Municipal Judge and the Court Clerk position. Councilwoman Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Appointment of Municipal Court Judge: Councilwoman Janak moved to appoint Raymah Davis as Municipal Court Judge. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed with a vote of: For- Gordon, Janak and Rooks
Against- Barrientos

Discussion and Action on the Appointment of Associate Court Judge: Councilwoman Janak moved to appoint Anna Hernandez as Associate Judge. Councilwoman Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Adjourn: at 7.37 p.m.

Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary