

# CITY OF SMITHVILLE

June 8, 2020

## COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders Jr, Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Sharon Foerster, Cassie Barrientos, Jason Hewitt, and City Manager Robert Tamble. This meeting was on a zoom conference and YouTube streamed due to the COVID 19 Virus.

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

Invocation: Sammela Williams gave the invocation.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Mayor Saunders read a proclamation for the "Flag Day".

Approval of the minutes from May 11, 2020, Council Meeting and Public Hearing: Councilwoman Barrientos moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Resolution approving the City of Smithville's submission of an application (project title: "COVID-19 Departmental Assistance (PPE)") to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office/Criminal Justice Division's Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program, and Designating the City Manager as the Authorized City Official. Approving this resolution will allow the City Manager to sign all documentation needed to apply and accept CESF funding. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on entering into a contract with Singleton, Clark & Company, PC for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Audit - Approval will allow the City to utilize Singleton, Clark & Company for our annual financial audit services. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to approve entering into a contract with Singleton Clark for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Audit. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Smithville and the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce/ Smithville Community Outreach for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY 2020 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding (FY20 PWEAA NOFO/CFDA 11.307). Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the MOU. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Amending City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 Taxation, Article 11.200 Property Tax, Section 11.202 Exemptions by changing the Section for residential homestead property owners of the City of Smithville, Texas who are 65 years of age or older and establishing an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for the disabled; providing for definitions; providing for savings, severability, and effective date: *Currently, the City allows a \$3,000 tax exemption for persons over 65 and a 100% disabled veteran exemption. If approved, the tax exemption for disabled persons and those persons age 65 and older over would be \$10,000. The exemption(s) would go into effect during the 2021 tax year. Persons that qualify for the exemption(s) must file the appropriate paperwork with the Bastrop County Appraisal District (BCAD). The City of Elgin, Bastrop County, and each of the school districts have approved similar exemptions. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

Citizen Comments: None

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

**Adjourn: 6:39**

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Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

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Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary