

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

JULY 13, 2020

COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders Jr, Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Sharon Foerster, Cassie Barrientos, and City Manager Robert Tamble. Not Present Jason Hewitt. 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: Robert Tamble gave the invocation.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Mayor Saunders presented a plaque to David Herrington for his 25-Years as Associate Judge. Judge Herrington said a few words as well.

Approval of the minutes from June 8, 2020, Council Meeting and Public Hearing and June 30, 2020, Special Called Emergency Council Meeting: Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve both of the meeting minutes. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendation from Planning and Zoning on a minor re-plat combining two lots into one large lot, Hurta River Estates Lot 27 0.2217 Acres (R8713251) & Hurta River Estates lot 28 0.2217 Acres (R8713252), owner Kathleen Svoboda: It was stated that P&Z recommended approving this request.

Public Hearing:

Hear citizens comments on a minor re-plat combining two lots into one large lot, Hurta River Estates Lot 27 0.2217 Acres (R8713251) & Hurta River Estates lot 28 0.2217 Acres (R8713252), owner Kathleen Svoboda: No one signed up to speak for or against this item.

Open Meeting:

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a minor re-plat combining two lots into one large lot, Hurta River Estates Lot 27 0.2217 Acres (R8713251) & Hurta River Estates lot 28 0.2217 Acres (R8713252), owner Kathleen Svoboda – Ms. Svoboda would like to consolidate two (2) lots into one (1) to give her more room to build a home. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the minor re-plat. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on an Emergency Facilities & Land Use Agreement between the Texas A&M Forest Service and the City for Lease of Property at the Smithville Crawford Municipal Airport: Approval of an Emergency Facilities & Land Use Agreement will allow the Texas A&M Forest Service to stage firefighting aircraft, support equipment, and personnel at the Smithville

Crawford Municipal Airport as a means to expedite emergency response in the event of an area wildfire. The Emergency Facilities & Land Use Agreement will be in effect until August 31, 2021. Typically, fire-fighting personnel use the Pilot's Lounge as their temporary operational base and remain at the airport until the threat of wildfires subsides. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the agreement. Councilwoman Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Awarding the Grant Administrative Services for GLO CDBG-MIT Grant: The City of Smithville published a Request for Proposals ("RFP") in the Austin American Statesman for professional administration services to assist in its application(s) for and implementation of one or more contracts, if awarded, from the GLO's CDBG – MIT program. The City is considering applying for such funding for the construction of flood mitigation projects and associated activities. Proposals for grant management were received and reviewed on July 8, 2020. Experience, work performance, capacity to perform, and cost were the criteria to be used by the City staff to evaluate/differentiate each consultant's qualifications. Langford Community Management Services, Inc was the only firm to submit a proposal. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to award Langford Community Management the grant administrator for GLO CDBG-MIT Grant. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Awarding the Engineering Services RFQ for GLO CDBG-MIT Grant: The City of Smithville published a Request for Qualification ("RFQ") in the Austin American Statesman for engineering service required to develop a budget, the scope of work, and draft specifications for the preparation of a General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT application. This will include 2015, 2016, Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition and Method of Distribution activities(s), and upon funding, the subsequent preliminary and final design plans, bid documents, and necessary interim and final inspections required by the City. RFQ's for engineering services were received and reviewed by City staff on July 10, 2020. Experience, work performance, and capacity to perform were criteria used by the City staff to evaluate/differentiate each engineering consultant's qualifications. Six (6) Engineering services consultants submitted their qualifications for consideration. However, further evaluation is required as several engineering firm's qualifications were very closely rated and ranked. Councilman Gordon made a motion to table this item until the next Council agenda. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Amending the Ordinance #2020-587 Establishing Requirements Related to the Posting of a Public Notice By Commercial Entities and the Wearing of Face Coverings (adding Medical Exemption): The ordinance is being amended to provide an exemption to the requirement to wear a face covering in public when doing so poses a mental or physical health, safety, or security risk as determined by a licensed physician or health care practitioner. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance, Article 12.200 Control Devices of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinances to place a Stop Sign at McSweeney and 1st Street: Citizen is requesting a STOP sign at the intersection of McSweeney and 1st

Street to help reduce speeding and improve safety. Smithville PD conducted traffic survey and recommends the STOP sign be added. Councilwoman Foerster made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance, Article 12.200 Control Devices of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinances to place a Stop Sign at Gresham and 7th Street: Citizen is requesting a STOP sign at intersection of Gresham and 7th Street to help reduce speeding and improve safety. Smithville PD conducted traffic survey and recommends the STOP sign be added. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

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: 6:31

Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary