

# CITY OF SMITHVILLE

AUGUST 10, 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: There were no Awards, Proclamations or Announcements.

Approval of the minutes from July 13, 2020, Council Meeting and Public Hearing:  
Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the meeting minutes. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendation from Planning and Zoning on:

- a. A Zone Change from Single- Family -2 (SF-2) to Mixed Residential (MR) for the entire block of Bunte Add. Block 20 Lots 1-8. This is being requested by acting Agent Matt Lara & Tracia Ford for, owner Fredonia Adams c/o Terry Smith at 300 Bunte Street: Brian Riewe said the P&Z recommended approving the zone change.
- b. A Preliminary plat that includes variances and zone changes for A46 Lomas, L. Acres 2.505 owner 230 Properties LLC, McMahan Addition Lot 7 0.1602 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 6 0.1610 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 5 0.1602 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 4 0.1645 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 3 0.1561 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 2 0.3935, owner George H. McMahan: Brian Riewe said the P&Z recommended approving the minor re-plat.

### Public Hearing:

Hear Citizen Comments on:

- a. A Zone Change from Single- Family -2 (SF-2) to Mixed Residential (MR) for the entire block of Bunte Add. Block 20 Lots 1-8. This is being requested by acting Agent Matt Lara & Tracia Ford for, owner Fredonia Adams c/o Terry Smith at 300 Bunte Street: No one signed up to speak on this item.
- b. A Preliminary plat that includes variances and zone changes for A46 Lomas, L. Acres 2.505 owner 230 Properties LLC, McMahan Addition Lot 7 0.1602 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 6 0.1610 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 5 0.1602 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 4 0.1645 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 3 0.1561 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 2 0.3935, owner George H. McMahan: Mitchell Jameson spoke for the 25

residents in the surrounding neighborhood in opposition to this request. He said the developer needs to own his water and not use the 7<sup>th</sup> street detention pond. John Wallace also spoke in opposition to the item and doesn't want the developer to be able to drain his water into the 7<sup>th</sup> street detention pond.

### **Open Meeting:**

Discussion and Action on:

- a. A Zone Change from Single- Family -2 (SF-2) to Mixed Residential (MR) for the entire block of Bunte Add. Block 20 Lots 1-8. This is being requested by acting Agent Matt Lara & Tracia Ford for, owner Fredonia Adams c/o Terry Smith at 300 Bunte Street: Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Zone change. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. A Preliminary plat that includes variances and zone changes for A46 Lomas, L. Acres 2.505 owner 230 Properties LLC, McMahan Addition Lot 7 0.1602 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 6 0.1610 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 5 0.1602 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 4 0.1645 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 3 0.1561 Acres, McMahan Addition Lot 2 0.3935, owner George H. McMahan: Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the preliminary plat with all variances and zone changes. Councilwoman Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and action on a revision to Resolution # 2020-01-448 of the City of Smithville, Texas Calling a Municipal General Election changing the date from the 2nd of May 2020 to the 3rd day of November, 2020: The revision to Resolution #2020-448 is necessary to extend the number of days and polling locations for the November 3, 2020, General Election of local, state, and federal officials. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the placement of a Historical Marker at 606 Gresham St. on the main house: Samantha and Stan Gerdes have applied for a Smithville Historical Marker for their home at 606 Gresham (the old Mozola House which was part of the Buescher estate). The HPDSAC meet on July 15, 2020, and unanimously approved the recommendation of this request. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Historical Marker. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the placement of a Historical Marker at 606 Gresham St. on the Carriage House in the back of the property: Samantha and Stan Gerdes have applied for a Smithville Historical Marker for the old Buescher Estate Carriage House at 606 Gresham. The HPDSAC meet on July 15, 2020, and unanimously approved the recommendation of this request. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to award the Historical Marker. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for CLEQ, LLC owner Erin Early at 304/306 Main St: Erin Earley applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to allow installation of light fixtures on the outside of the 304/306 Main. The HPDSAC meet on July 15, 2020, and unanimously approved the recommendation of this request. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to approve the COA. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Awarding the Engineering Services Contract for the 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, 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. BEFCO Engineering, Inc. received the highest total score and as such, recommend they be awarded the Engineering Services contract for the GLO CDBG-MIT project. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to award BEFCO Engineering the Engineering Service Contract. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Proposal to set the Ad Valorem Tax Rate on September 14, 2020, Council Meeting: We will be recommending a PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE of \$0.54906 cents per \$100 valuation --- a DECREASE of \$0.01996 cents from our current rate of \$0.56902. The strategy we have followed in the past was to identify the maximum tax rate allowable without triggering the possibility of a rollback election then decide the amount of increase (if any) that is required to support the proposed budget. The FY20-21 effective tax rate is 0.52752. The rollback rate is \$0.54906. The maximum increase the City can raise taxes in a given year without triggering a rollback election is 3.5% of the effective M&O tax rate. The effective tax rate is basically the tax rate that would generate the same amount of revenue in the current tax year as was generated by a taxing unit's adopted tax rate in the preceding tax year from property that is taxable in both the current tax year and the preceding tax year. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the proposal to set the AdValorem Tax Rate at the September 14, 2020, Council Meeting. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the Personnel Manual Section 9.09 City Holiday Schedule to add Cinco de Mayo and Juneteenth: Councilmember Bill Gordon requested this item be added to the agenda for Council consideration and action. Currently, the City has approved thirteen (13) paid Holidays and three (3) personal Days. There was discussion back and forth about if Cinco De Mayo should be added and the majority of the members didn't think it should be added on the Juneteenth holiday should be added. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve

adding Juneteenth to the City Holiday Schedule. Councilwoman Barrientos 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 Barrientos seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Adjourn: 7:34***

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Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary