

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

September 12, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

*Invocation:* City Manager Tamble gave the invocation.

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

*Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:* 5<sup>th</sup> grader Clair McKennon read her essay on the Character Word Honesty.

- a) *Constitution Week Proclamation:* Mayor Saunders read the proclamation declaring the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 through September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 as Constitution week.

*Approval of the minutes from the August 8, 2016 Council Meeting and Public Hearing, the August 31, 2016 Public Hearing and Budget Workshop, and the September 7, 2016 Public Hearing and Budget Workshop:* Councilman Rooks moved to approve the minutes as written for both the Council Meeting, Public Hearings and Workshops. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

*Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on a Zone change from SF-2 to MF at Bunte addition Blk7 Lot 1-4, owner – Gene & Doris Sampson.* Nancy Catherman gave a recommendation to approve the zone change from SF-2 (Single Family & Duplex District) to MF (Multi Family Dwelling) so that an apartment complex could be built on these lots.

**Public Hearing:**

*Hear citizen's comments on a Zone change from SF-2 to MF at Bunte addition Blk7 Lot 1-4, owner – Gene & Doris Sampson.* There were no citizens to speak for or against the zone change. The agent and builder Eric Christophe said the reason for the zone change is to be able to build a twelve unit apartment complex on the two lots and possibly another twelve unit apartment on the other two lots. Eric answered questions the Council had about parking and said there would be adequate parking.

*Hear Citizens comments on the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Budget:* There were no citizens signed up to speak for or against the Budget.

**Open Meeting:**

*Discussion and Action on a Zone change from SF-2 to MF at Bunte addition Blk7 Lot 1-4, owner – Gene & Doris Sampson.* Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the zone change from SF-2 to MF. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion and the motion pass unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on an Ordinance adopting the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Budget:* Councilman Rooks made a motion adopt the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilwoman Janak seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on an Ordinance adopting the 2016/2017 Tax Rate:* Councilwoman Morgan made a motion adopting the 2016/2017 Tax Rate. Councilman Streuer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on a Resolution setting the Smithville Municipal Court Fines:* Municipal Court Judge Ronald Jones recommended an increasing of the non-traffic fines by \$4.00. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the increase of fines by \$4.00 on non-traffic fines. Councilman Rooks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Discussion and Action on a Resolution appointment of the General Assembly Representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG):* Councilman Gordon would like to serve as the City of Smithville General Assembly Representative on the CAPCOG. Councilwoman Janak nominated Councilman Gordon as a representative for the City of Smithville on the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG). Councilwoman Morgan Seconded the nomination. Councilman Gordon abstained from the vote. Council members Janak, Morgan, Streuer, and Rooks, were all in favor. Mayor Saunders asked if Councilman Gordon accepts the nomination and Councilman Gordon said yes he does accept the nomination.

*Discussion and Action on approval of an additional checking account for the TXDOT TAP Loop 230 Sidewalk Grant:* Creating an additional checking account will help improve tracking and accounting of TXDOT TAP grant expenditures. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the checking account for the TXDOT TAP Loop 230 Sidewalk grant. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Approval of the Financial Report:* Councilman Streuer made a motion to approve the financial report. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously

**Closed Meeting:** went in at 6:37

*The City Council held a Closed Executive Meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 55, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, to deliberate regarding commercial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations:*

**Open Meeting:** Council returned from executive at 7:11 p.m.

Discussion and Action as a result of the Closed Executive Meeting: Councilwoman Morgan moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Smithville 71, Ltd., to annex them into the city limits. Councilman Rooks 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.

*Adjourn:* The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary