

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
JULY 12, 2021
COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Joanna Morgan, Councilmembers, Janice Bruno, Bill Gordon, Tom Etheredge, Sharon Foerster, Stan Gerdes, and City Manager Robert Tamble.

Open Meeting: Call to order: Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Etheredge gave the invocation and pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Mayor Morgan announced there would be a City Council Workshop July 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Citizen Comments: None

Approval of the minutes from June 14, 2021, Council Meeting and Public Hearing, and the City Council Workshop June 23, 2021. Councilwoman Bruno moved to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021, Council Meeting and Public Hearing with no corrections, and the June 23, 2021 City Council Workshop with the correction of the misspelled word Seaton to Seton. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Resolution adopting an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan and Home Grant Waitlist Policy in accordance with 10 TAC 20.9. City Manager Robert Tamble explained that approving this resolution to adopt an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan and Waitlist Policy is required to participate in the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Home grant program. Mayor Morgan asked how long it would be in effect. City Manager Tamble confirmed this would be in effect for 3 years. Councilman Gordon moved to approve, Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) With The Texas Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Project. Approving this resolution will authorize the City of Smithville to enter into an agreement with TXDOT for the construction of sidewalks along NW 1st Street from Main to SH95 and ADA compliant ramps along Main Street from 1st to "Overlook Park". The total project cost is \$675k with a 20% (\$135k) city match. Councilman Etheredge made the motion to approve, Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Discussion and Action on approval of the Wayfinding Signs on Main Street. Jill Strube was present for any questions. Councilman Etheredge asked about the lighting and maintenance. April Daniels spoke and said the Chamber of Commerce will maintain and pay for maintenance. Councilman Gordon moved to approve with Minor Changes and any suggestions by the end of the week. Councilman Gerdes seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Discussion and Acton on a resolution authorizing the Bastrop County Tax Assessor Collector to calculate and certify the City of Smithville Truth-in-Taxation (T-n-T) tax rate. Per the Texas Property Tax Code TPTC 26.04 the governing body must designate the responsibility for calculating and certifying the municipal property tax rate. Approving this resolution will authorize the Bastrop County Tax Assessor Collector to assume this responsibility. Councilwoman Bruno made the motion to approve, Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Discussion and Action on the approval of the Financial Report. Cynthia White was present to answer any questions. Councilman Etheredge made the motion to approve, Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn 6.34 p.m.

Joanna Morgan, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary

