

Jennifer Lynch

From: Suzanne Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 2:02 PM
To: Sharon Foerster; CityManager; Jennifer Lynch; Tom Etheredge; Janice Bruno; Jimmy Jenkins; Tyrone Washington
Subject: Derek Kahanek

Good afternoon

Happy Mothers Day Weekend.

I just wanted to reach out to each of you to show my support for Derek Kahanek as a City of Smithville Councilman appointee.

I have had a business in Smithville for nearly 40 years and am excited to see a young citizen show enthusiasm about our town. It is nice to have young parents have a desire to be an active part of our community. Derek has been involved with many activities including the golf cart runs which brings business to our local businesses as well as flag football, baseball, etc., for our youth.

Suzanne Williams

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From: Becky Kelly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Jennifer Lynch
Subject: Recommendation for Derek Kahanek, Place 4

I have known Derek Kahanek all of his life. He was born & raised here and is a very proud resident of Smithville. He is an upstanding citizen & has become very involved in so many aspects over the last few years. His father, Mike Kahanek, former City Councilman, is highly respected & has had a very significant influence in Derek's life. I believe Derek would be an asset to the Smithville City Council, Place 4, and I believe you should consider him for this position.

Rebecca Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

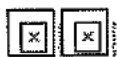
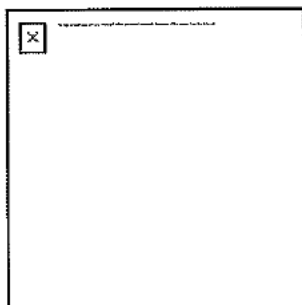
CityManager

From: Janice Hurst <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 5:22 PM
To: CityManager; Sharon Foerster; Janice Bruno; Tom Etheredge; jimmytocool71@yahoo.com; mrsWashington78957@gmail.com
Subject: City Council open seat appointment

To The Smithville City Council:

This email is sent in support of you appointing Mitch Jameson to the open seat on the council. I have observed Mitch's tireless commitment and support of our City, well before this last election. He genuinely cares about what the constituents say and he understands the complexity of working for the people while being fiscally responsible in making sound decisions for our town. I saw, first hand, how he knocked on doors, attended meetings, organized public forums, etc. from the 1st day he threw his hat in the ring for Place 1. I hear there are 6-7 other citizens who are asking for this vacant seat. Where were they in the general election, where it took a huge commitment of time, money and work? After Mitch was defeated, by a very small margin, he dusted himself off, swallowed his ego and is now trying, in earnest, to fill the vacant seat on the council. He is truly passionate about this and I can't think of a better, more qualified individual to help you with the task at hand. I am a born/raised Smithville gal, who now resides back here permanently since 2020, along with my 2 sisters, our 89 year old mother and countless kinfolk. My 3rd sister has homes here, also. We are invested in the future of our little town and hope this job appointment is not about a popularity contest but appointing someone capable and competent to do the work for our future. That is Mitch Jameson. Full Disclosure, although Mitch is my brother-in-law, I write this without a kinship agenda. In closing, I want to thank each and everyone of you for the outstanding job you are doing. ONward and UPward!

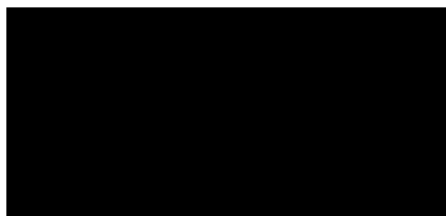
Thank you,
Janice Greene Hurst and Don Hurst
604 Burleson St.



JANICE HURST

Realtor Associate

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From: Sherry Jameson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 6:37 PM
To: CityManager; Tom Etheredge; Janice Bruno; Jimmy Jenkins; MrsWashington78957@gmail.com; Sharon Foerster; Tyrone Washington
Cc: Jennifer Lynch
Subject: Mitchell Jameson - Endorsement for City Council Place 4

Dear City Council Members and City Officials,

I am writing to urge you to appoint my husband, Mitchell Jameson, to serve out Cassie Barrientos unexpired term for City Council Place 4.

It's hard to believe that 10 years ago I talked my husband into moving back to my hometown Smithville. Although he had a thriving Allstate business with two locations in Round Rock, he knew we were needed here to help with my aging mom and stepfather. After living here a couple of years the City asked my parents to grant access from their property to the detention pond located behind their home on 7th street.

At the same time my stepfather, James Welch, was in the early stages of dementia. Because of his dementia, the process and working with the City was very difficult for him to understand. Mitchell stepped in and gently walked him through the process which ended in a positive result for everyone. I'm telling you this because my husband of 36 years has never wavered on his values. You treat people with dignity and respect, you work hard for what you want in life and your word is your bond.

It was after working with my mom / stepdad and the City, Mitchell's interest began to grow in our local ordinances, policies and processes. By this time, two of my sisters had moved back to Smithville and one other sister owned property here. Along with other family members, we all recognized the rapid growth we were experiencing in Smithville and knew decisions made now would affect us for many years. Mitchell had a lot of pressure from our family and other concerned citizens to run for City Council. He was very interested but when Mitchell does something, he wants to do it right. He took a couple of years to educate himself on systems and processes by attending City Council, P&Z, and workshop meetings. On many occasions he met with City Council members, the mayor, and City Manager individually before speaking publicly. He decided to run for City Council and did the work that our community should expect of any candidate or appointee. Put up signs, attend forums, meet/greets and more importantly talk to people, listen closely to their questions and concerns so if elected he might have insight into our community's problems and concerns.

I think most of you already know Mitchell is a man of integrity, honesty, a solid leader for our community and who's qualifications would make him an asset to our City Council. I'm not sure how you make your decision, but when Mitchell saw an opportunity to run for City Council he

talked to the City Manager and each Council member individually for their blessing. He worked hard to win but fell short against a very popular hometown personality. Bottom line, he ran for City Council by going through the right process and received 46% of the vote. I think that is a strong endorsement from our community. I'm sure you have received emails supporting the other individuals but if they wanted to hold a place on the City Council they should have run in the election.

Thank you for your time and your vote!

Sherry Greene Jameson

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From: CityManager
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 5:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Sharon Foerster; Janice Bruno; Tom Etheredge; Jimmy Jenkins; mrswashington78957@gmail.com; Tyrone Washington; Jennifer Lynch
Subject: RE: Smithville City Counsel Appointment

Mr. Callaghan:

This email confirms receipt of your letter of recommendation in support of Mitchell Jameson for City Council Place 4. I added Councilmember Washington's city email address and Jennifer Lynch (City Secretary) to the distribution.

Thank you....

Robert Tamble, CSP / CIT



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 4:58 PM
To: CityManager <CityManager@ci.smithville.tx.us>; Sharon Foerster <SFoerster@ci.smithville.tx.us>; Janice Bruno <JBruno@ci.smithville.tx.us>; Tom Etheredge <TEtheredge@ci.smithville.tx.us>; Jimmy Jenkins <jjenkins@ci.smithville.tx.us>; mrswashington78957@gmail.com
Subject: Smithville City Counsel Appointment

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I see that the Smithville City Council has decided to use Local Government Code 22.010(a) to fill the vacancy created when Cassie Barrientos recently resigned. The key in this code is "may fill the vacancy by appointment."

The timing of this is very concerning. I actually spoke with Ms. Barrientos this past February at a mutual friend's child's Birthday Party. She informed me that the resignation had not yet been made, but her comments indicated that it was a done deal. I applaud her for her efforts; however, I have to question why she decided to run in the last election. Then, after the unfortunate medical problems with her new baby, she really should have stepped down months ago – when there was time for a special election.

Now we conveniently have a situation where many people – whom I might add – did not actually run for the office - or any office for that matter, are now applying for the appointment. Even more concerning, there is a former City Council Member (as well Former Mayor) who is being considered, again – AFTER stepping down twice in the last couple of years! I find this behavior unprofessional. If you so want the job, keep running.

The disregard of the Smithville Voters and Citizens is an ongoing problem. Vacancies arise on the City Council and an appointment is made.... This "quick and dirty" method hides the true issue at hand - the dismal voter turnout and lack of Candidates that will run for a City Office. I have to question why this is?

Now after the last few election cycles I see the pattern of the City of Smithville officials basically squashing any dissenting viewpoints. Easier to delay a resignation and appoint someone the council "picks" than having a special election or allowing someone who spent their time and money running for office.

Monica Poss and Mitch Jameson are the only persons that should be considered at this time.

Thank you for your time,

Jerry Callaghan



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Cc: mrsWASHINGTON78957@gmail.com; Jimmy Jenkins; tetheredge@ci-smithville.tx.us; Janice Bruno; sfoerester@ci.smithville.tx.us; Tyrone Washington; Jennifer Lynch
Subject: RE: Vacant Council Seat Consideration

Mrs. Callaghan:

This email confirms receipt of your letter of recommendation in support of Mitchell Jameson for City Council Place 4. Thank you!

Robert Tamble, CSP / CIT



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Subject: Vacant Council Seat Consideration

Dear Council Members, Ms. Mayor and Mr. City Manager:

I would like to address the upcoming selection of the city council seat for the vacated seat by Cassie Barrientos.

I strongly believe that the only two people that should be considered for the vacated seat are Monica Poss and Mitchell Jamison. I believe **Mitchell Jamison** should be placed in the open seat. He and Tyrone ran a very close race – closer than the race between Jimmy Jenkins and Monica Poss.

Mr. Jamison will make an excellent city council person as he has spent the last many years attending council meetings and learning the city ordinances. He has presented himself well and has been impressive in all the recent campaign open forums. He is knowledgeable and conscientious. He lives by a strong moral and ethical code and will take this position seriously. He is a brilliant man and will be a valuable contributor to the city of Smithville in the city council position.

I would next like to explain why the others should not be considered for the open seat. It is my understanding that Derek Kahanek, Garrett Gutierrez, and Joanna Morgan have requested consideration for the vacated seat.

Monica and Mitchell have put out the energy to run a formidable campaign for the available office seats vacated by Joanna Morgan and Bill Gordon.

Neither Garrett Gutierrez nor Derek Kahanek made the choice to run for office when the opportunity presented itself in February 2023. They did not expend the energy, time or money to campaign for the available seats. They did not choose to reach out to the community with their opinions, ideas and plans for the city or for filling the open seat. The citizens of Smithville have not had an opportunity to clearly make an informed decision about them and their plans for the future of our city.

Joanna Morgan chose to resign her seat on the city council. She did not choose to run for re-election. This was certainly a well thought out decision on her part. I do not believe she had any commitment to fulfill another term as a city council member. At this late time, for her to change her mind and request to be "placed" in a vacant seat is quite surprising and disappointing to me. Although she is qualified, it is time for her to let the other citizens who have shown a very strong interest and commitment to the position take over. Additionally, she has not reached out to the community with her opinions, ideas and plans for the city or for filling the open seat.

There will be 2 additional seats coming up for election in 2024 (Janice Bruno and this current vacant seat). Derek, Garrett and Joanna, if they are truly committed to representing and serving the city and the citizens by holding a seat on the city council, should run a full campaign for those 2 available seats. The citizens of Smithville deserve the opportunity to learn about their vision, plans and their commitment to the position. They should not be given a free pass to sit on the city council.

Monica Poss and Mitchell Jamison have put in the time and effort and shown their commitment to fulfill the obligations of these available seats. I urge the council to vote for Mitchell Jamison to occupy the seat vacated by Cassie Barrientos.

Consider what you are showing the citizens of Smithville, and especially Ms. Poss and Mr. Jamison, if any other party is voted into that seat. It would be a slap in their face, basically telling them not to bother running again or trying to make Smithville a better place. It would be telling them you, the other council members, are not interested in their opinion or their participation in the important decisions to be made going forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sandra Callaghan, RN, MSN, NP-C, CNLCP, MSCC