

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
NOVEMBER 9, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Present: Mayor Mark Bunte, Councilmembers William Gordon, Rhonda Janak, Joanna Morgan, Bennie Rooks, Scott Saunders and City Manager Robert Tamble

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

Invocation: City Manager Tamble gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Morgan led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: Character—Word—reader was 3rd grader Jacklyn Ybarra on the word Compassion. County Commissioner, Pct. 2, Clara Beckett spoke to Council remarking on the outstanding job done during the recent disasters, (fire and flood) by the City Manager, the staff and City. The resources to the citizens of the County by the City were above and beyond. Commissioner Beckett thanked the Council on behalf of the County residence. April Daniels, Smithville Chamber President addressed the Council on the Festival of Lights and welcomed the Council to ride in the parade and the lighting of the Gazebo, December 5th.

Approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2015 Council Meeting and Public Hearing: Councilman Saunders moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Janak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on a Minor-Re-Plat at 402 McSweeney, Byrne Addition, Block 115A, Lot 3 FR, 4 & 5, Acres 0.725-owner George McMahan: Nancy Catherman, Planning and Zoning Chairman, advised Council their recommendation was to approve the Minor Re-Plat.

Public Hearing: *Call to order:* Mayor Bunte called the Hearing to order.

Hear citizens' comments on a Minor Re-Plate at 402 McSweeney, Byrne Addition, Block 115A, Lot 3 FR, 4 & 5, Acres 0.725-owner George McMahan: There were none.

Adjourn: Mayor Bunte adjourned the hearing.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action on a Minor Re-Plate at 402 McSweeney, Byrne Addition, Block 115A, Lot 3 FR, 4 & 5, Acres 0.725-owner George McMahan: Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the request. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on an Opt-Out Program for the City's installation of Smart Meters: Councilwoman Morgan stated there were Councilmembers present at the citizen called forum meeting Thursday and heard the concerns. Councilwoman Morgan moved to have the City Manager develop an Opt-Out Program for the installation of the Smart Meters. Councilman Gordon seconded. Councilman Saunders moved to amend the motion by stating a possible Opt-Out. Councilwoman Janak seconded. The concern was to not bind the city to a program that would not be feasible. It was asked if the plan would come back to Council for a Final decision and City Manager advised it would.

The amendment passed with a vote of:

For-Janak, Morgan, Rooks and Saunders

Against-Gordon

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a Resolution casting the City's votes for a Board of Director on the Bastrop Central Appraisal District Board: Councilman Saunders moved to have the city's 49 votes cast for William Hector. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a Resolution opposing the Vista Ridge Project: Grover Shade addressed the Council regarding the preserving of our water aquifer. Mr. Shade presented a Resolution opposing the Vista Ridge Project. Councilwoman Morgan moved to approve the Resolution. Councilman Saunders seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Financial Report: Councilman Saunders moved to approve the report. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Approved:

Mark A. Bunte, Mayor

Attest:

Brenda C. Page, City Secretary