

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
OCTOBER 12, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Joanna Morgan, Councilmembers William Gordon, Bennie Rooks, and City Manager Robert Tamble. Councilmembers Rhonda Janak and Scott Saunders were not present.

Open Meeting: *Call to order:* Mayor Pro-tem Morgan called the meeting to order.

Invocation: City Manager Tamble gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Rooks led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: 4th Grader Ashlyn Fogle read her paper on Character Word Responsibility. George Rash, Joe Davis and Mike McGill of Ameresco were present to give an update on the interest rate the city was receiving and to answer any questions the Council may have on the project. City Manager Tamble advised there would be two upcoming Public Forums on November 10, 2015 and November 12, 2015 to discuss upcoming and current projects within the city including the Smart Meters.

Approval of the minutes from the September 14, 2015 Council Meeting and Public Hearing and the September 29, 2015 Special Called Meeting: Councilman Gordon moved to approve the minutes. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously,

Hear recommendations from Planning and Zoning on: a) A 3' variance off the property line at 203 NE 8th, Riverside Park Addition, Blk. 1, Lot 6 & 7, owner-Bradley Klaerner: Ron Jones of the Planning and Zoning Board, advised Council they recommended approval. b) A variance to build up to the property line and within the 20' setbacks at 201 Mills, Burleson Addition, Blk. 33, Lot 8, owner-Joe Vasquez (Most Reverend): Ron Jones gave another recommendation to approve.

Public Hearing:

Call to order: Mayor Pro-tem Morgan called the hearing to order.

Hear citizens comments on: a) A 3' variance off the property line at 203 NE 8th, Riverside Park Addition, Blk. 1, Lot 6 & 7, owner-Bradley Klaerner: There were no citizen objections. b) A variance to build up to the property line and within the 20' setbacks at 201 Mills, Burleson Addition, Blk. 33, Lot 8, owner-Joe Vasquez (Most Reverend): There were no citizen objections.

Adjourn: The hearing adjourned.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action on: a) A 3' variance off the property line at 203 NE 8th, Riverside Park Addition, Blk. 1, Lot 6 & 7, owner-Bradley Klaerner: Councilman Rooks stated he would have to abstain, he was the builder. Councilman Gordon moved to table this item due to there not having a quorum able to vote. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. b) A variance to build up to the property line and within the 20' setbacks at 201 Mills Burlison Addition, Blk. 33, Lot 8, owner-Joe Vasquez (Most Reverend): Councilman Rooks moved to approve the variance request. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the awarding of Grant Administration Services for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: City Manager Tamble advised Council Langford Community Manager Services was the only management consultant firm who submitted a proposal. If the city is awarded the HMGP grant the funds will be used for property acquisition, design, and construction of a detention pond to mitigate drainage issues around 7th Street. Councilman Rooks moved to award the Grant Administration to Langford Community Management. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the awarding of Engineering Services for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: City Manager Tamble advised Befco Engineering Services was the only engineering consultant firm to submit a qualification proposal. This too was to address the drainage issue around 7th Street area. Councilman Rooks moved to award the Grant Engineering to Befco Engineering. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the awarding of Engineering Services for the General Land Office Community Development Disaster Grant: City Manager Tamble advised two architectural/engineering firms submitted proposals. Both firms were qualified to perform the work. Tamble felt Cutright & Allen, Inc. project team is very familiar with Smithville and has slightly more experience with design of community/recreation centers than TRC (the other firm). Councilman Rooks moved to go with Cutright & Allen. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on a Resolution submitting the City's Board Director Nomination for the Bastrop Central Appraisal District: Councilman Gordon moved to nominate William Hector to the BCAD Board. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the approval of the Richard D. Latham Cultural District Business Plan: April Daniels presented the Cultural District Business Plan. Councilman Gordon moved to

approve the plan as presented. Councilman Rooks seconded and the motion passed unanimously,

Discussion and Action on an Ordinance Amending the 2014-2015 Budget: Finance Director Cynthia White presented amendments to Council. The General Fund was \$94K over the original budget-primarily due to contingency drainage expenditures and the Utility Fund is \$275K to the good. Councilman Rooks moved to approve the budget amendments. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Closed Meeting:

The City Council will hold an 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 551.074, to discuss personnel (annual evaluation of the City Manager): Council went into Executive Session.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action as a result of the Closed Meeting: Councilman Gordon made a motion that as a result of an over-all evaluation of excellent, the City Manager be given an increase as allotted in the budget and the increase as per budget.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Brenda C. Page, City Secretary