

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
NOVEMBER 12, 2019
COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders Jr, Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Sharon Foerster, and City Manager Robert Tamble. Not present Cassie Barrientos and Jason Hewitt.

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

Invocation: Robert Tamble gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Gordon led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: 3rd Grader Mukti Patel read her essay on Character Trait word "Compassion".

Approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2019 Council Meeting and Public Hearing and October 28, 2019 Public Forum and Special-Called Council Meeting: Councilman Gordon moved to approve all of the minutes. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on:

Discussion and Action on Resolution Casting Votes for the Board of Directors of the Bastrop Central Appraisal District: Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to split the votes between Bill Hector and Dennis Snyder. Councilwoman Foerster Seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: Betty McBryar spoke and said there are a lot of children in that area and this will help slow traffic down. She was very appreciative of the sign.

Discussion and Action on amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance, Article 12.200 Control Devices, Amending the Traffic Control Schedule to allow the installation of a Solar Powered Speed Display Traffic Sign: The recommendation from the Smithville PD was to add a solar-powered, digital speed display (permanent sign) approximately 100' south of Caldwell Lane on the east side of Faulkner Road to help slow down the traffic. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the amendment to the traffic and vehicle ordinance. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purpose of participating in the Local Park Grant Program; certifying that the City is eligible to receive program assistance; certifying that the City's matching share is readily available; and dedicating the proposed site for permanent public park and recreational uses: The City of Smithville is requesting \$122,500 through a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) "Local Parks" Grant Application to improve Keilberg Park to include: A playscape, sunshades, new ADA-compliant restroom facilities, upgrades to the CCC-built concession stand, water fountain, and programming through the SISD-ACE After

School program (led by Steve Schroeder). Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on the appointment of two (2) Liaison members to the Cultural District: The Cultural District Liaison will support the City of Smithville Cultural District activities within the community (e.g., develop budget, coordinate public meetings, manage projects, etc.). Recommend appointing April Daniels as the LPAA Liaison and Jill Strube as the City of Smithville Liaison. Cultural District Liaison will serve 2-year terms to coincide with the Mayor's term of office and to be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Smithville upon his/her election, with approval by the City Council of the City of Smithville. Councilwoman Foerster made a motion to appoint April Daniels and Jill Strube to be liaisons for the Cultural District. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on an amendment to Article 12.800 City Ordinance pertaining to Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, and Commercial Vehicles Parked or Stored on Right-Of-Ways, Section 12.802 Prohibited Activities, Subsection (a) regarding to the period of excess parking time: Recommend amending this ordinance to adopt language that will allow the Smithville PD to enforce the ordinance on a more uniform and consistent basis. Councilwoman Foerster made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Financial Report: Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: 6:36

Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary