

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

December 9, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders Jr, Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Sharon Foerster, Cassie Barrientos, Jason Hewitt and City Manager Robert Tamble.

**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: 5<sup>rd</sup> Grader Helen Smith read her essay on Character Trait word "Perseverance".

Approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting and Public Hearing: Councilman Gordon moved to approve all of the minutes. Councilwoman Forester seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on:

Hear recommendation from Planning and Zoning on:

- a. A front and side yard setback variance at 300 Lynch Street, Burleson Addition, Block 43, Lot 6, Owner-Smithville Community Clinic: Brian Riewe said P&Z recommended approving the variance with a vote 3 to 1.
- b. A zone change from SF-1 to CBD at 505 Main Street, Burleson Addition, Block 5, Lot 6, Owner-Michael and Sandra Hightower: Brian Riewe said P&Z recommended approving the zone change with a vote 3 to 1.
- c. A side yard setback variance at 603 Hudgins Street, Burleson Addition, Block 12, Lot 7, Owner-Mark and Kathleen Wilkerson: Brian Riewe said P&Z had a split vote 2 to 2 so no recommendation was given to Council.

**Public Hearing:**

Hear Citizens Comments on:

- a. A front and side yard setback variance at 300 Lynch Street, Burleson Addition, Block 43, Lot 6, Owner-Smithville Community Clinic: No one signed up to speak for or against this item.
- b. A zone change from SF-1 to CBD at 505 Main Street, Burleson Addition, Block 5, Lot 6, Owner-Michael and Sandra Hightower: No one signed up to speak for or against this item.
- c. A side yard setback variance at 603 Hudgins Street, Burleson Addition, Block 12, Lot 7, Owner-Mark and Kathleen Wilkerson: Mark Ritcher the side neighbor of Mark Wilkerson signed up to speak in favor of the carport. He said it would look better if it could line up on the property line.

## Open Meeting:

### Discussion and Action on:

- a. A front and side yard setback variance at 300 Lynch Street, Burleson Addition, Block 43, Lot 6, Owner-Smithville Community Clinic: Janice Bruno spoke about needing more room to provide another Doctor and Practitioner and to extend hours. Ms. Bruno said the Clinic would like to add a 16'x40' building on the lot. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve both of the variances having met all criteria to approve a variance. Councilwoman Barrientos Seconded and the motion passes unanimously.
- b. A zone change from SF-1 to CBD at 505 Main Street, Burleson Addition, Block 5, Lot 6, Owner-Michael and Sandra Hightower: Mike Hightower said he wanted to put his real-estate office at this location and maybe later have a B&B and retail.
- c. A side yard setback variance at 603 Hudgins Street, Burleson Addition, Block 12, Lot 7, Owner-Mark and Kathleen Wilkerson: Mark Wilkerson would like to build a carport to cover his Airstream RV on a concrete slab that already exists. He said it would not take away the appearance of the property. He has the RV stored at another location now and it is an expense that he would like to eliminate.

### 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***

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Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

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Jennifer Lynch, Asst. City Secretary

